**1-3-19 Training – PSHR**

**ARRL’s Public Service Honor Role**

Each month in QST's Field Organization Reports column, the Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) recognizes the efforts of Amateur Radio operators who are active in many aspects of public service. This includes net operations, traffic handling, emergency operations and public service communication support. There are chances that you're already involved with some aspect of Amateur Radio that would apply to the Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR).

There are 6 Categories in which you can accumulate points toward your monthly PSHR score. ARRL publishes the call letters of all hams who submit PSHR scores of 70 or more.

The 6 Categories, and their requirements are as follows:

1. Participation in a public service net – 1 point per net, maximum of 40 points.

One example of a public service net is one that is regularly scheduled and handles Amateur Radio formal messages. There are many such public-service nets: local and section nets that are affiliated with the National Traffic System (NTS); NTS region, NTS area, and independent nets that handle messages. ARES, RACES, SKYWARN nets that meet on a regular basis would also qualify.

Public service or emergency nets that are activated to support an actual emergency or potential emergency or public-service event would be part of this first category as are nets that have been established for training radio amateurs in public service and emergency communications.

If the preamble of a net includes terminology such as “Are there any stations with emergency or priority traffic wishing to check into the net, please call now.”, that’s a clear indicator that it’s a public service net. And any net that includes things like announcements of public service events, net lists, etc. also qualify as a public service net.

Straight “rag chew” nets probably would not qualify unless they included some announced public service aspect or objective.

1. Handling formal messages (radiograms) via any mode -- 1 point for each message handled; maximum 40.

You can get 1 point each for Originating, Receiving, Sending, or Delivering a Radiogram message. So, each piece of traffic handled could yield 2 points… such as Originating one and Sending it to another station… or Receiving a message and Delivering it.

1. Serving in an **ARRL-sponsored volunteer position**: ARRL Field Organization appointee or Section Manager, NTS Net Manager, TCC Director, TCC member, NTS official or appointee above the Section level. *--* 10 points for each position; maximum 30.

ARRL Field Organization appointees (in alphabetical order) include the following:

* ADEC - Assistant District Emergency Coordinator,
* ASEC - Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator,
* ASM - Assistant Section Manager,
* DEC - District Emergency Coordinator,
* EC - Emergency Coordinator,
* LGL - Local Government Liaison,
* Net Manager,
* NTO – NTS Official (Appointed to a NTS Regional or Area Net)
* OES - Official Emergency Station,
* OO - Official Observer,
* OOC - Official Observer Coordinator,
* ORS - Official Relay Station,
* PIC - Public Information Coordinator,
* PIO - Public Information Officer,
* SEC - Section Emergency Coordinator,
* SM - Section Manager,
* STM - Section Traffic Manager,
* SGL - State Government Liaison,
* TC - Technical Coordinator,
* TS - Technical Specialist.
* VE – Volunteer Examiner

There are others as well associated with the TCC (Transcontinental Corps) and various NTS positions such as NTS Members At Large, NTS Area Staff Chairs, NTS Adea Digital Coordinators, etc.

WA2CCN qualifies as an EC, Net Manager, NTO, OES, ORS, TS, VE & NTS Member-At-Large… but only 3 of those 8 appointments count toward the PSHR.

1. Participation in **scheduled**, short-term public service events such as walk-a-thons, bike-a-thons, parades, simulated emergency tests and related practice events. This includes off-the-air meetings and coordination efforts with related emergency groups and served agencies. Score 5 points per hour (or any portion thereof) of time spent in either coordinating and/or operating in the public service event; no limit.

This category recognizes the value of public safety communication events that Amateur Radio is often called to participate in. Simulated emergency tests, exercises, and drills are covered by this category. Points are gained by the amount of time that an Amateur Radio operator spends directly involved in operating the event. This also recognizes the value of off-the-air time it takes to meet with the organization or public service agency to plan and coordinate Amateur Radio involvement.

PSHR Category 4 is set up to recognize Amateur Radio operators for what they do in performance of public service events.  Therefore, time spent in group and one-on-one ARES/RACES meetings, phone calls, email, and group administrative duties (processing and maintaining ARES/RACES member records and planning/conducting member training, for example) all are part of the 'public service communication event support' definition and would count.

1. Participation in an **unplanned emergency response** when the Amateur Radio operator is on the scene. This also includes unplanned incident requests by public or served agencies for Amateur Radio participation.Score 5 points per hour (or any portion thereof) of time spent directly involved in the emergency operation; no limit.

This category recognizes an Amateur Radio operator who is directly involved in an actual emergency operation. This includes the operator who is on the scene or out in the field, in the shelter, at the emergency operations center, at the hospital, or other served agency's headquarters or their temporary command center.

If you are an active participant in an unplanned incident -- or in other words, an emergency operation--you may take credit for this participation even though you may not be physically at the emergency scene.

Category 5 covers all the Amateur Radio operator participants such as net controllers, net liaison stations and other radio amateurs that support communications in unplanned incidents. Even if you are not actually on the emergency scene or at the shelter, etc., but are spending time and efforts for supporting the same emergency communication effort, then this time would count for points in Category 5.

As an example, if the National Weather Service activates SKYWARN, Amateur Radio operators serve as weather spotters from their home (or car, or work, or other locations) during the weather event. Then, a tornado strikes and the American Red Cross calls out the ARES members to serve in shelters and to provide support for damage assessment communications. These operators would be able to qualify for Category 5 points.

There would likely be several net control operators, net liaison operators, traffic handlers, etc., who are away from the disaster scene, but are spending time to support the Amateur Radio emergency communication effort on behalf of the served agencies (American Red Cross and National Weather Service, in this example). They, too, would qualify for points under Category 5.

1. Providing and maintaining a) an **automated digital system that handles ARRL radiogram-formatted messages**; b) a **Web page** or e-mail list server oriented toward Amateur Radio public service -- 10 points per item.

Category 6 (a) recognizes the efforts it takes to provide and maintain an automated digital system (like a packet bulletin board or a PACTOR system) that handles ARRL radiogram-formatted messages.

Category 6 (b) recognizes the Web pages and e-mail list servers have become popular and effective ways to communicate news and information to the community of radio amateurs that are involved in emergency and public service communication operations and preparedness.