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## Tactical Message Handling Pointers

The difference between Routine, Priority and Emergency Traffic designations:

- **ROUTINE (R):** All types of message traffic justifying transmission by rapid means, but not of sufficient urgency to require higher precedence
- **PRIORITY (P):** Important messages having a specific time limit, official messages not covered as an emergency, emergency-related traffic not of the utmost urgency.
- **Emergency (E):** Any message having life and death urgency to any person or group.

When sending traffic - LISTEN FIRST, then think LCANS [Location, Condition, Action, Need, Safety]  
When sending a string of numbers, send individual numbers to improve the ability to copy.  
Also, state 'Figures' when providing information with numbers, to eliminate confusion.  
(‘four’ vs ‘for’ or ‘fore’, etc.)

The best or most accepted standard sequence for contacting another station when not in a directed net: TO/FROM [KB1CBD, this is K2TOP or for brevity, KB1CBD from K7EDT.]

If Net Control needs to hold net traffic (phone report, other net, etc.) state ‘All stations stand-by’. Then when finished, come back to the net and state, ‘All stations, Net Control is available for traffic.’

**Prowords** are used to provide concise communication, condense communication, indicate intentions, and give instructions.

### Common Prowords:

Routine	Be Advised	Break / Break with...
Priority	Nothing Heard	Say again
Emergency	Ops Normal	All After
Info	Confirm	All Before
Relevant	Request Direct	Between
Relay	Acknowledge	End of Message
Disregard	Figures	No More
Correction	Initials	More to Follow
Stand By	Mixed Group(s)	Word After
Affirmative	I Say / I Spell	Word Before
Negative	I Say again	