



Chapman's Peak Neighbourhood Watch

Radio protocols for NW members

My home is being attacked. What do I do?

- Your radio should be next to your bed, switched on and set to channel 8. You made sure of this before you went to sleep. Your radio should also be fully charged. Do not leave your radio permanently in its charging station while switched on. This will very quickly destroy your battery.
If you believe your home is under attack, this is good enough reason to call for help. You do not need to walk around your house trying to be absolutely sure before waking the neighbourhood. You may well find yourself being faced by an unwelcome intruder. Make that call!
- **"Chapman's Peak, Chapman's Peak, Chapman's Peak. This is John and Jane Doe of 27 Beach Road on Channel 8. I need help!"**

Let's examine that statement..

- **"Chapman's Peak" x 3.** It is 3:20 am. You are trying to wake people up. If you just start with your message, by the time people are awake and functional, they might only have caught the tail end of your message. Repeat if you get no response.
- **"This is John and Jane Doe of 27 Beach Road.."** It's obvious. People need to be able to find you. Use your names and street number. Many of the people around you will know where John and Jane live but have no idea what your address is. For the rest of us, 27 Beach Road is what we need to find you.
- **".. on channel 8"** Some people may be listening on channel 15. Channel 15 listens on all channels. If they do not know which channel you are on they may not be able to join in.

Radio speak.

- When you speak on the radio, everyone can hear you. This has the affect of making you nervous which in turn makes your brain race while trying to think of something suitable to say. You need to relax. It's easy to say. This is where radio checks can be very helpful.
- **Initiating a radio check. "Chapman's Peak, Chapmans Peak, Chris on channel 8, radio check over?"** One of the main reasons for doing a radio check is not only to see if it functions correctly but more importantly, to see if anyone is listening.
- **Responding to a radio check. "This is Brian in Sleepy Hollow, got you loud and clear."** That is how most people will respond. Some people who are more knowledgeable might respond with: **"Dave in Willoughby, got you 5 x 5."** 5 x 5 means the same as loud and clear, 3 x 5 means not so loud but still clear and 5 x 3 would be loud but not so clear.
- What about "Over" and "Out"? It feels kind of old fashioned but it's useful when many people are listening or want to talk. "Over" is used when you are expecting a response and "Out" signals that you are done transmitting for now. The reason for this is that with a radio only one person can speak at a time. Roger has thankfully left the building.
- Radio checks are generally done up to **8pm**. There is a large area which is covered by channel 8. That is CPNW and DASCRO. People do like to have their private time and not be interfered with by radio checks at late hours.

Radio Channels.

Channel 1	This channel is defunct – Best to use Channel 8, 7, 13 or 14
Channel 2	Sunnydale.
Channel 3	Clovelly.
Channel 4	Hillside / Highway roads - Fish Hoek mountain side.
Channel 5	Sun Valley.
Channel 6	Risi / Carmichael - Fish Hoek mountain side.
Channel 7	San Michel - Our neighbours to the east of us.
Channel 8	CPNW and DASCRO (Dassenberg, Crofters Valley).
Channel 9	Valeyland, Silverglades and Peers Hill.
Channel 10	Fish Hoek North and Avenues.
Channel 11	Capri Village.
Channel 12	Unassigned. Can be programmed for private use and special ops.
Channel 13	SAPS & Security companies
Channel 14	Night Patrollers, insomniacs and active ops get switched to this channel.
Channel 15	This channel monitors all channels but transmits on our home channel 8.
Channel 16	Unassigned - makes beeping sounds. Good for checking if radio is on and charged.

- Our radios are specifically programmed to operate only in our areas. They will work in any of the areas in the above table. However if you move to another area, your radio will not work.
- Most radios are able to monitor more than one channel at a time. If you want to know how to do this you would have to consult the instruction booklet that came with your radio.
- Do not leave your radio in its charging station while switched on. It will very quickly destroy your battery.
- To get a new battery for your radio:
Debbie Retief: Phone: 021 975 1888 Email: debbie@itcape.com
- To buy a radio: Become a member of CPNW, log in on the website, <https://cpnw.org.za/>, register as a member and click on the image. You will find it on the bottom right of the home page. Please note that you will only see this image if you have registered as a member and then are logged in with your username and password.
- You will also have to fill out the Radio registration form which you will find on the following page. Please pay attention to the conditions of application.



Radio registration form

VALLEY RADIO ADMINISTRATION APPLICATION FOR A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH RADIO <i>VHF Radio use subject to ICASA Regulations & NW Rules</i>		 Email: radio@valleywatch.co.za	
NW Name			
Full Name		Radio Details:	
ID Number		Make	
Mobile Number		Model	
Tel Number – Home		Serial N°	
Tel Number - Work		Charger Sn	
Email Address		Battery Sn	
Physical Address		Radio Price	
		Usage Fee	
		Total Price	
Conditions of Application: 1. The applicant is a <i>bone fide</i> member in good-standing of a Registered Valley Neighbourhood Watch. 2. The user will adhere to the prescribed “Rules of Use”. 3. The radio must be kept in a safe and secure place at all times. 4. If the radio is stolen or goes missing, it must be reported to the SAPS and the Radio Administrators ASAP. 5. The radio may not be sold or transferred to any other person without the authorisation of the Radio Administrators. In the event that the applicant leaves the Fish Hoek Valley, we would like the first option of buying the radio back for resale in Fish Hoek Valley, failing which the radio must be made available to your NW Co-ordinator for the purpose of de-programming the private Fish Hoek radio frequency. 6. Annual radio use fees are payable on request of the Radio Administrators and will be collected during February of each year. Use of radios is subject to ICASA regulations.		Approved by NW Co-ordinator: Signature _____ Name _____ Date _____ Approved by SAPS Sector Commander: Signature _____ Name _____ Date _____ Radio Provided by Radio Seller: Radios may only be supplied for approved applicants Signature _____ Name _____ Date _____ Radio Programmed by Programmer: Radios may only be programmed for approved applicants Signature _____ Name _____ Date _____	
Declaration: I, _____, state that all the information above is true and correct, and I hereby agree to all the conditions stipulated.		Radio Administration Updated: Signature _____ Name _____ Date _____	
Applicant Signature: Date: _____		Instructions: 1. Applicant must fill in form 2. NW Co-ordinator must approve and submit for SAPS approval directly or via Administrators 3. After approval, Co-ordinator to buy programmed radio 4. Co-ordinator to send original form to Administrators with radio use fee	

Radio Application Form Rev3