

Emergency Communications & Community Alerts

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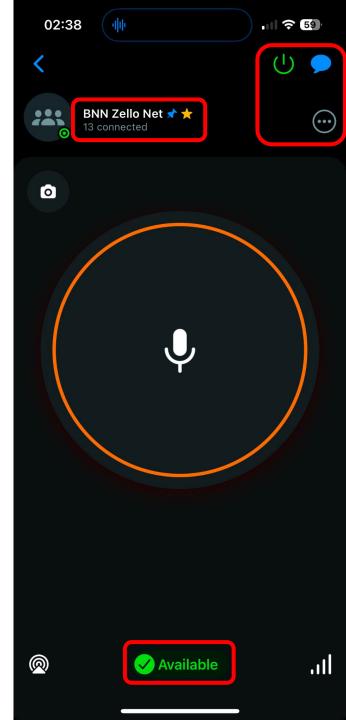
BNN Disaster Communication Plan

- Communication to Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- We are on our own immediately after a disaster
- We need to be prepared for disasters
- Neighbors helping neighbors
- Zello, FRS, and Ham Radio communications

Zello Basics I

- Free smartphone app
- Functions like a push-to-talk walkie talkie
- Requires internet access: Wi-Fi or Cellular
- May work when standard phone calls do not
- Has been used elsewhere to support rescue work following disasters

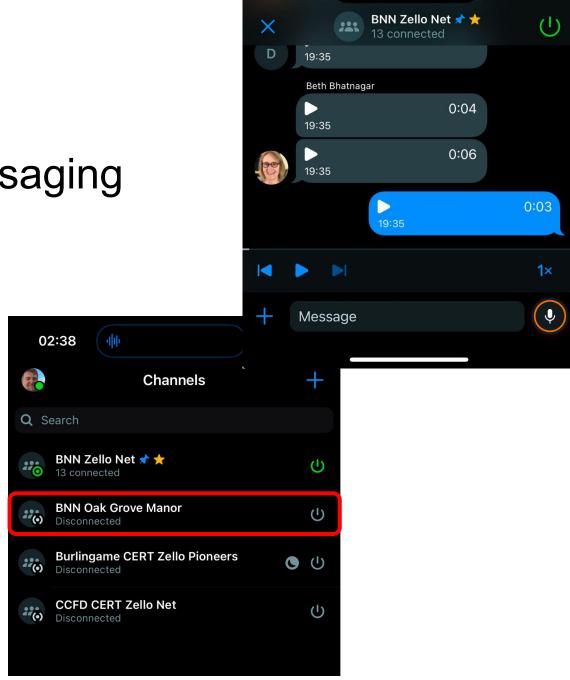




Zello Basics II

- Unlimited Range
- Supports live voice and text messaging
- Keep your cell phone charged
- Custom channels support local communication





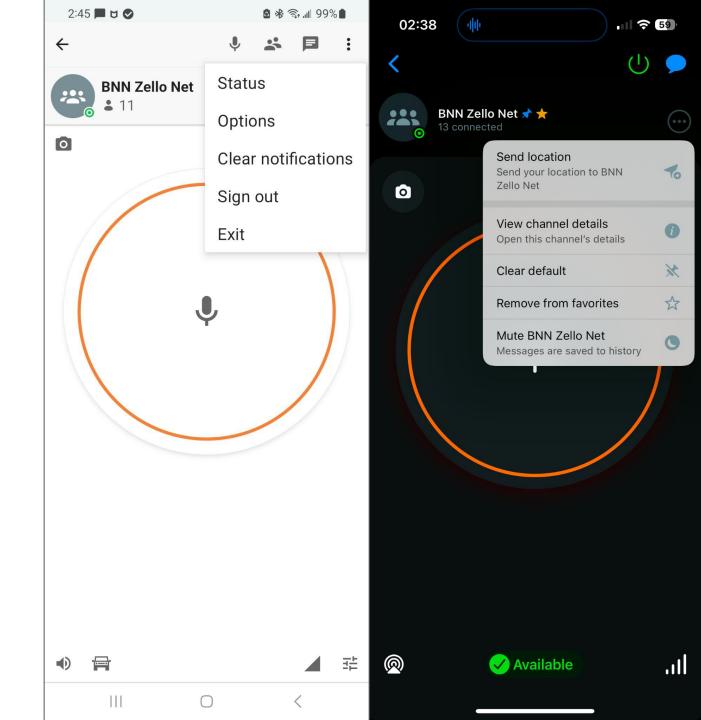
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Zello Basics III

- Free version is public, so our channels are public
- History is stored locally, not on a server
- Platform is secure
- Location sharing is optional (opt-in)





BNN Zello Net Channel and Net Checkin

- Check In at 7:30 PM on 2nd and 4th Thursdays monthly
 - Everyone is welcome
 - 15-20 minutes
- Upcoming Dates: February 13 and 27; March 13 and 27
- We encourage practice during power outages and major storms, but call 911 first if you have a critical need
- Will be used during declared emergencies
- Neighborhoods can create their own channels to connect and share information locally

Hands On Session: Phone Configuration

- 1. Website help: burlingamenetwork.org > Resources > **Zello**
- 2. Self-test: Contacts > echo
- 3. Change status to Available



iPhone: Profile picture > status > available

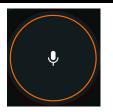
Android: History icon > status > available

4. Channels > search > BNN Zello Net



Hands On Session: Zello Net Check In

1. Push to talk screen



2. Text messages

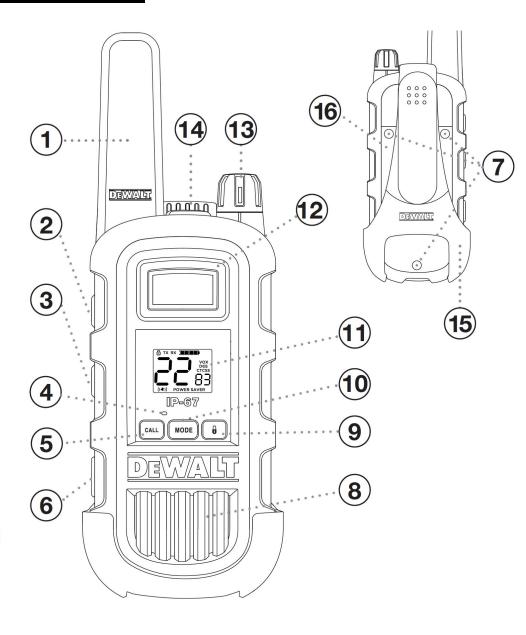


- 3. Simulated BNN Zello Net during a power outage
 - Directed Net: primary and alternate net control
 - Check in via text messaging

Hands On Session: FRS Radio

- 1. How to change to channel 5
- How to change CTCSS and DCS code settings
 - 1. Antenna
 - 2. **Up** Button
 - 3. **Down** Button
 - 4. Microphone
 - 5. Call Button
 - 6. USB Charge Jack
 - 7. Battery Door Screws
 - 8. Speaker

- 9. Lock Button
- 10. Mode Button
- 11. Backlit LCD Display
- 12. Talk Button
- 13. Power On/Off/Volume Knob
- External Speaker / Microphone Jack
- 15. Holster with 180° Swivel Clip
- 16. Battery Compartment



When all else fails ... there is Amateur (HAM) Radio!

Burlingame EmComm Net

- Every Tuesday at 7:30 PM
- Burl-V repeater
 - o 146.805 MHz
 - Minus offset
 - PL of 192.8 Hz
- All HAMs are welcome

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