

STM Report
Wisconsin Section
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Who is this ---- really?

FAQ #270 What's required for identification in nets? The FCC is clear about identification of amateur stations. Part 97.119 states *"Each amateur station. . . must transmit its assigned call sign on its transmitting channel at the end of each communication, and at least every 10 minutes during a communication, for the purpose of clearly making the source of the transmissions from the station known to those receiving the transmissions. No station may transmit unidentified communications or signals, or transmit as the station call sign, any call sign not authorized to the station."*

So what does that mean for traffic handling and net operation? It means during a net, a check-in identifies when first calling in, and at the end of a "second-go" if any. When an NCS asks check-ins to say the NCS call first, that helps avoid doubling – but the FCC *requirement* is just to say yours at the end. Luckily, it doesn't mean each station must identify every ten minutes *during* the net. If an operator establishes communication with another station off frequency to pass traffic, it's the same procedure – every ten minutes and at the end of the communication.

How about the net control? Same deal. The net control station only needs to identify every ten minutes and at the end of a series of transmissions with the net. True, it may help to identify the net and net control more frequently during the net operation, but it's only "required" every ten minutes and at the "end of the communication" with the net. For example, at the end of a "second go" the net control doesn't *have to* to say both the net member's call and his own although that's a polite recognition. The "goer" already should have identified.

During ARES nets and for public service operations, sometimes tactical calls are used. They help, but they don't substitute for the FCC requirement of the assigned call sign. That's right – every ten minutes during continuous communication and at the end of each.

A call sign is like an operator's name. Although we may occasionally misspeak, a call should be said correctly, remembered, and respected. Say your call at the end. That's it.

It may be nice to begin a transmission with our call sign –but it's not necessary as it is at the end. Technically, we don't need to say the call of the other station – just identify ours. If we spend too much time repeating call signs, we limit time for other content. We don't need the Department of Redundancy Department with calls.

Finally, we certainly don't have to say "For I.D." Why else would we identify? 73 – K9LGU/STM – WI

**WISCONSIN SECTION
STATION ACTIVITY SUMMARY January 2024**

STATION	ORIG	RCVD	SENT	DLVD	ATT	TOTAL
NX9K	703	161	1316	0	0	2180 - BPL
N9CK	0	443	436	0	0	879 - BPL
WB9WKO	0	491	355	3	0	849 - BPL
N9VC	0	643	41	2	0	686 - BPL
AG9G	0	277	204	0	0	481
KB9GO	0	277	122	1	0	400
KC9UC	0	119	144	1	0	264
WJ9L	0	80	86	2	0	168
K9LGU	0	47	73	0	0	120
KC9FXE	0	9	45	7	1	67
KB9ROB	0	48	10	8	0	66
KB9IME	0	18	14	13	7	52
KA9BAE	0	22	20	1	0	43
K9STN	0	8	31	0	0	39
W9RTP	0	23	5	0	0	28
WB9ICH	0	22	2	0	0	24
W9RNA	0	14	2	2	3	21
KA9KJE	2	5	2	0	0	9
KK9D	0	3	1	3	0	7

**WISCONSIN SECTION
P S H R SUMMARY
JAN 2024**

POSSIBLE POINTS ->	40 nets	40 tfc	30 appt	5 /hr. sked events	5 /hr. emrg events	10ea bbs/ web pg	
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N9VC	40	40	30	315	0	20	445
KB9IME	40	40	30	15	30	0	155
KC9FXE	40	40	20	40	0	10	150
AG9G	40	40	30	25	0	0	135
K9LGU	40	40	30	5	0	0	115
WB9WKO	40	40	30	5	0	0	115
NX9K	40	40	20	0	0	0	100
KB9GO	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
KC9UC	40	40	10	0	0	0	90

**WISCONSIN SECTION MONTHLY NET ACTIVITY
JAN 2024**

NET	QNI CHECK-INS	QTC TRAFFIC	QTR TIME	SSNS SESSIONS	NM
BWN	1247	1815	3215	31	K9LUK
BEN	369	311	514	31	NX9K
WSBN	562	256	791	31	AG9G
WSSN	186	64	404	31	KB9ROB
WIN/E	151	338	315	31	WB9ICH
WIN/L	197	89	281	31	W9RTP
WI ARES/RACES HF	76	12	139	4	WB9WKO
WI ARES/RACES VHF	31	0	41	1	KA9KJE
WI ARES/RACES DIGITAL	206	1486	5760	4	KB9MMC
totals	3025	4371	11460	195	