

STM Report
Wisconsin Section
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Efficiency

FAQ # 272 We admire efficiency and we practice traffic handling that way, but there are some dangers. For example, when traffic handlers use a “short form” to pass traffic, it can make traffic go very quickly – but it may not always be the best training for those who listen to learn. It makes sense to use the short form in the TCC and at the Area Net levels, because those are the operators who know the form and need the time savings. At the section net level and on local nets, an operator has to make a judgment call.

Since the NTS is the training ground as well as the resource, we need to prepare ourselves to do things as we would in more critical situations. That means not skipping essential parts of a message’s preamble, address, or text just as we would not skip them if we were serving an agency during a disaster. Book traffic sends the parts by sending the common parts first – but all the parts are sent. Choosing when to use shortcuts must be done carefully. Use of techniques such as “Rapid Fire” messages saves time and routes messages through the nets that otherwise wouldn’t be exercised, but it doesn’t preclude sending some messages in full, too.

Then we count what we’ve done to check our efficiency. When a net counts the traffic passed on that net, it counts every message handled. If the message is handled twice, it’s counted twice. If the message is handled off frequency at the direction of the net control, it’s still counted. If, on the other hand, the message is not handled on the radio – it’s not the same. True, emailing traffic via the wired Internet can be a fast way to get it to its destination – but it’s not the same as radio. Winlink? That’s radio. Packet? That’s radio. AM, FM, SSB, CW – yup, you get the picture. Phone lines? Not really. (Except for delivery, of course.) We don’t encourage counting messages not sent via radio as sent.

We can use good pro-words, good pacing, and good sending to add to our effectiveness, but let’s not abandon the basics of accuracy and training for the sake of speed. Remember in the old movies that when the explorer asks the native where his friend caught such a large halibut the native always says, “Efficiency.” 73 – K9LGU/STM – WI

WISCONSIN SECTION P S H R SUMMARY MAR 2024

POSSIB LE POINTS >	40 net s	40 tfc	30 app t	5 /hr. sked event s	5 /hr. emrg event s	10 ea bbs / web pg	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
N9VC	40	40	30	275	0	20	405
KC9FXE	40	40	20	25	0	10	160
AG9G	40	40	30	25	0	0	135
KB9IME	40	40	30	15	0	0	125
K9LGU	40	40	30	10	0	0	120
WB9WK O	40	40	30	10	0	0	120
NX9K	40	40	20	0	0	0	100
KB9GO	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
KC9UC	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
N6NKO	15	8	20	0	0	0	43

WISCONSIN SECTION

STATION ACTIVITY SUMMARY March 2024

STATION	ORIG	RCVD	SENT	DLVD	ATT	TOTAL
NX9K	751	583	1228	0	0	2562 - BPL
N9CK	0	406	398	3	0	807 - BPL
WB9WKO	0	432	306	3	0	741 - BPL
KB9GO	0	421	148	3	1	573 - BPL
AG9G	0	284	185	0	0	469
N9VC	0	170	277	0	0	447
WJ9L	0	103	100	10	2	215
KC9UC	0	87	115	0	0	202
KC9FXE	0	58	92	10	0	160
K9LGU	0	68	86	1	0	155
KB9ROB	3	62	24	22	0	111
KB9IME	0	25	12	10	3	50
KA9BAE	0	17	22	0	0	39
W9RTP	0	23	5	3	1	31
W9RNA	0	17	4	6	2	29
WB9ICH	0	22	2	0	0	24
KA9KJE	2	5	1	0	0	8

WISCONSIN SECTION MONTHLY NET ACTIVITY

MARCH 2024

NET	QNI	QTC	QTR	SSNS	NM
	CHECK-INS	TRAFFIC	TIME	SESSIONS	
BWN	1203	1749	3243	31	K9LUK
BEN	382	352	572	31	NX9K
WSBN	498	293	713	31	AG9G
WSSN	218	66	428	31	KB9ROB
WIN/E	178	311	336	31	WB9ICH
WIN/L	198	81	287	31	W9RTP
WI ARES/RACES HF	86	18	165	5	WB9WKO
WI ARES/RACES VHF	22	0	90	1	KA9KJE
WI ARES/RACES DIGITAL	288	1928	5760	4	KB9MMC
totals	3073	4798	11594	196	