

STM Report

Wisconsin Section

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How to properly voice message preambles

FAQ # 277 Yes, this applies to all of us. For an NTS message preamble, to do it right, start by actually saying the word, “number.” That tells the receiver it's started. Then say the *digits* of the message number. (two five –not twenty five) Don't use the proword “figures” here. Message numbers should be only in figures anyway – no decimals, dashes, slant bars or letters. Give the precedence (usually routine) but **don't** introduce it by saying it's the precedence. The receiver knows that. Then use phonetics to voice any handling instructions like HXC or HXG.

Next, say the call of the originating station phonetically. There's no need to introduce it by “from” or “*amateur call*” or “*mixed group*” in the preamble. “From my station” is considered poor practice. State the check without labeling it and without any prowords – just the figures of the group count. The receiver already knows what goes in that blank. “With a check of...” is redundant.

Without introducing it, voice the place of origin clearly – probably with phonetic spelling if the receiver doesn't know the place. Then give the time (if any) with just the figures and any label such as CDT. Again, you don't have to say it's the time. Then, without introducing it, say the date – month and day (probably not the year) *without* the proword “figures.” Follow that with the name and address of the recipient using ITU phonetics. No need for “Going to...” or “With an address of...” Then just say, “Break,” listen, and start the text. That's the quick, easy, and correct way. Just say what's in the blank. Do not introduce each part.

ICS213 messages work the same, if the receiver is familiar with the format (and we should be). Just begin with what's in block #1 – if it's used. That's the incident name. You don't have to *call it* “the incident name.” Then say what's in block #2, the name and position of the intended recipient. You don't need to explain. Then go to block #3, the name and position of the person it's coming from. No description or “from” needed.

Block #4 is the subject and possibly preceded by a message number and group count. Here, you could say “message number” and “in X groups”c if it's necessary and then the subject. A comment like “With a subject of...” would be more extraneous words. Just say it. Then say the date, day and month (Block #5), and the local time in 24-hour format (Block #6). Say, “Break,” listen, and start the text.

Extra words and unnecessary descriptors can be distracting and time consuming as well as increasing the chance of mistakes. Sending a message in the correct way, although we're amateurs, sounds much more professional and it works better. K9LGU/STM

WISCONSIN SECTION

STATION ACTIVITY SUMMARY August 2024

STATION	ORIG	RCVD	SENT	DLV D	ATT	TOTAL
NX9K	486	119	641	0	0	1246 -BPL
WB9WKO	0	429	317	4	0	750 - BPL
N9CK	0	311	286	0	0	597 - BPL
AG9G	0	300	164	0	0	464
KB9GO	0	262	104	1	0	367
KC9UC	0	102	139	0	0	241
N9VC	0	107	46	0	0	153
K9LGU	0	55	58	1	0	114
WJ9L	0	42	48	4	1	95
KC9FXE	0	18	53	5	0	76
KB9ROB	0	47	13	10	0	71
KA9BAE	0	21	17	0	0	38
W9RTP	0	23	6	0	0	29
WB9ICH	0	24	2	0	0	26
W9RNA	0	10	1	3	4	18
KA9KJE	2	6	2	0	0	10

P S H R SUMMARY AUG 2024

POSSIBLE POINTS >	40 nets	40 tfc	30 appt	5 /hr. sked event s	5 /hr. emrg events	10ea bbs/ web pg	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
N9VC	40	40	30	250	0	20	380
KC9FXE	40	40	20	25	30	10	165
K9LGU	40	40	30	45	5	0	160
WB9WKO	40	40	30	40	0	0	150
AG9G	40	40	30	25	0	0	135
NX9K	40	40	20	0	0	0	100
KB9GO	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
KC9UC	30	40	10	0	0	0	90

WISCONSIN SECTION MONTHLY NET ACTIVITY SEP 2024

NET	QNI CHECK-INS	QTC TRAFFIC	QTR TIME	SSNS SESSIONS	NM
BWN	1086	1407	3114	30	K9LUK
BEN	329	277	475	30	NX9K
WSBN	467	165	660	30	AG9G
WSSN	146	68	344	30	KB9ROB
WIN/E	140	250	292	30	WB9ICH
WIN/L	169	64	264	30	W9RTP
WI ARES/RACES HF	53	8	112	5	WB9WKO
WI ARES/RACES VHF	37	0	76	1	KA9KJE
WI ARES/RACES DIGITAL	254	2248	5760	4	KB9MMC
totals	2681	4487	11097	190	