

## STM Report Wisconsin Section October 2024

FAQ # 279 *How do I get on the Public Service Honor Roll? There are six categories in which you can earn points each month. Scores of 70 or above are printed in QST. All scores submitted in our section go in the monthly STM Report. Here the categories are explained.*

### **1) Participation in a public service net -- 1 point, maximum 40.**

A public service net is one that is regularly scheduled and handles Amateur Radio formal messages. Here are examples of public service nets: Local and section nets (e.g. BWN, BEN, WSBN, WSSN, WIN) that are affiliated with the National Traffic System (NTS); NTS region, NTS area, and independent nets that handle traffic; ARES, RACES, SKYWARN nets that meet on a regular basis; net sessions that are activated during emergencies and threats of potential emergencies; public service and safety nets; nets that are established for training radio amateurs in public service and emergency communications.

### **2) Handling formal messages (radiograms) via any mode -- 1 point for each message handled; maximum 40.**

A "handled" message is defined as a message that is originated or sent or received or delivered. PSHR will follow the same method as Brass Pounders' League to count an individual operator's traffic total (also known as station activity report) to reach the figure for the PSHR Category 2. *There is one point granted for each message handled; maximum 40 points per calendar month.*

Here is a reference from the *Public Service Communications Manual* on how to count messages.

**Originated**--One point for each message from a third party for sending via your station. This "extra" credit is given for an off-the-air function because of the value of contact with the general public.

**Sent**--Every message (e.g. NTS or ICS213 format) sent over the air from your station to another amateur receives a point in this category. Thus, a message that is eligible for an Originated point as above receives another point when it is sent on the air.

Likewise, a message that is received on the air conveys a Sent point when it is relayed to another station. A message that you initiate yourself, while it gets no Originated point, gets a Sent point when cleared. All Sent points require **on-the-air** sending.

**Received**--A message received over the air gets a Received point, whether received for relaying (sending) or for delivery to the addressee. Any message received which is not eligible for a Delivery point (such as one addressed to yourself) still gets a Received point.

**Delivered**--The act of delivery of a message to a third party receives a point in this category, in addition to a Received point. This is strictly an off-the-air function and must be coupled with receipt of the message at your station. Thus you can't get a *Delivered* point unless you first get a *Received* point.

Here's an example for clarification: If I send a message originated on behalf of myself, I know I get only one point for a message SENT. However, if I originate a message on behalf of a third party, and then send it, I get TWO points, (origination and sending), even though ONE message was handled.

### **3) Serving in an ARRL-sponsored volunteer position: ARRL Field Organization**

**appointee or Section Manager, NTS Net Manager, TCC Director, TCC member, NTS official or appointee above the Section level. -- 10 points for each position; maximum 30.**

ARRL Field Organization appointees include the following: Assistant Section Managers, District Emergency Coordinators, Assistant District Emergency Coordinators, Emergency Coordinators, Assistant Emergency Coordinators, Local Government Liaisons, Net Managers, Official Bulletin Stations, Official Emergency Stations, Official Observers, Official Observer Coordinators, **Official Relay Stations**, and NTS Digital Stations, Public Information Coordinators, Public Information Officers, Section Emergency Coordinators, Section Managers, Section Traffic Managers, Assistant Section Traffic Managers, State Government Liaisons, and Technical Specialists.

More information about the structure of the NTS and the positions and nets that are mentioned may be found in the ARRL's [Public Service Communications Manual](#).

**4) Participation in scheduled, short-term public service events such as walk-a-thons, bike-a-thons, parades, simulated emergency tests and related practice events. This includes off-the-air meetings and coordination efforts with related emergency groups and served agencies. -- 5 points per hour (or any portion thereof) of time spent in either coordinating and/or operating in the public service event; no limit.**

This category recognizes the value of public safety communication events that Amateur Radio is often called to participate in. Simulated emergency tests, exercises such as SIMCOM, and drills are covered by this category. Points are gained by the amount of time that an Amateur Radio operator spends directly involved in operating the event. This also recognizes the value of off-the-air time it takes to meet with the organization or public service agency to plan and coordinate Amateur Radio involvement.

**5) Participation in an unplanned emergency response when the Amateur Radio operator is on the scene. This also includes unplanned incident requests by public or served agencies for Amateur Radio participation. --5 points per hour (or any portion thereof) of time spent directly involved in the emergency operation; no limit.**

This category recognizes an Amateur Radio operator who is directly involved in an actual emergency operation. This includes the operator who is on the scene or out in the field, in the shelter, at the emergency operations center, at the hospital, or other served agency's headquarters or their temporary command center.

The second sentence of Category 5 invites the Amateur Radio operator who is an active participant in an unplanned incident -- or in other words, an emergency operation -- to take credit for his/her participation even though he/she is not physically at the emergency scene. The intent behind Category 5 is to also include the Amateur Radio operators -- like net controls, net operators and other radio amateurs that support communications in unplanned incidents-- that are not actually on the emergency scene or at the shelter, etc, but are spending time and efforts for supporting the same emergency communication efforts.

As an example, if the National Weather Service activates SKYWARN, Amateur Radio operators serve as weather spotters from their home (or car, or work, or other locations) during the weather event. Then, a tornado strikes and the Red Cross calls out the ARES members to serve in shelters and to provide support for damage assessment communications. These operators would be among those to qualify for points under Category 5.

There would likely be several net control operators, net liaison operators, traffic handlers, etc, who are away from the disaster scene, but are spending time to support the Amateur Radio

emergency communication effort on behalf of the served agencies (Red Cross and National Weather Service, in this example). They, too, would qualify for points under Category 5.

**6.) Providing and maintaining a) an automated digital system that handles ARRL radiogram-formatted messages; b) a Web page e-mail list server oriented toward Amateur Radio public service -- 10 points per item.**

The portion, "a," sub category recognizes the efforts it takes to provide and maintain an **automated** digital system (like a packet bulletin board or a PACTOR system) that handles ARRL radiogram-formatted messages.

Portion, "b," deals with newer technologies like Web pages and e-mail list servers which have become popular and effective ways to communicate news and information to the community of radio amateurs that are involved in emergency and public service communication operations and preparedness.

Before the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month, report your PSHR activity to your STM with a radiogram. Your sample message text (with a check of 10) could look like this:

**PSHR NOV 1/40 2/32 3/10 4/5 5/0 6/0 T/87 73**

Looking forward to your reports – 73 K9LGU/STM

**WISCONSIN SECTION STATION ACTIVITY SUMMARY OCT 2024**

STATION	ORIG	RCVD	SENT	DLVD	ATT	TOTAL
<b>NX9K</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1778 -BPL</b>
<b>WB9WKO</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1118 -BPL</b>
<b>N9CK</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>452</b>
<b>AG9G</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>407</b>
<b>KB9GO</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>345</b>
<b>N9VC</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>341</b>
<b>KC9UC</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>235</b>
<b>K9LGU</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>161</b>
<b>WJ9L</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>KC9FXE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>KB9ROB</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>W9RTP</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>KA9BAE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>WB9ICH</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>W9RNA</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>KA9KJE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>

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

<b>POSSIBLE POINTS &gt;</b>	<b>40 nets</b>	<b>40 tfc</b>	<b>30 appt</b>	<b>5 /hr. sked events</b>	<b>5 /hr. emrg events</b>	<b>10ea bbs/webpg</b>	
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>T</b>
<b>N9VC</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>475</b>
<b>KC9FXE</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>WB9WKO</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>AG9G</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>130</b>
<b>K9LGU</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>NX9K</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>KB9GO</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>KC9UC</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90</b>

**WISCONSIN SECTION MONTHLY NET ACTIVITY      OCT 2024**

<b>NET</b>	<b>QNI CHECK-INS</b>	<b>QTC TRAFFIC</b>	<b>QTR TIME</b>	<b>SSNS SESSIONS</b>	<b>NET MANAGER</b>
<b>BWN</b>	<b>1095</b>	<b>1574</b>	<b>3234</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>K9LUK</b>
<b>BEN</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>NX9K</b>
<b>WSBN</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>AG9G</b>
<b>WSSN</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>KB9ROB</b>
<b>WIN/E</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>WB9ICH</b>
<b>WIN/L</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>W9RTP</b>
<b>WI ARES/RACES HF</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>WB9WKO</b>
<b>WI ARES/RACES VHF</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>KA9KJE</b>
<b>WI ARES/RACES DIGITAL</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>2354</b>	<b>7200</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>KB9MMC</b>
<b>totals</b>	<b>2769</b>	<b>4960</b>	<b>12802</b>	<b>197</b>	