

Brunswick County Winlink Net

Session #013

Net Session Start: Tuesday March 31st at 12:01 AM

Net Session End: Saturday April 11th at 11:59 PM

Notice:

- Please maintain your monthly ICS 214a for the month of April stating the time you spend working on the Winlink exercise(s) you have completed for the month of April. I will ask for the 214a at the end of the month.
- Please keep all Winlink correspondence for the month of April exercises in a separate folder within Winlink. If you do so, then it will be straightforward to collect them in an ICS 309 communication log to send to me at the end of the month.
 - You should have a document on how to create a personal folder within Winlink
 - If you don't have the document, then send me an email and I will provide you with the document.
- You should have the two documents that I sent to you explaining how to create an ICS 309 document within Winlink and the document explaining how we will use an ICS 214a.
 - If you don't have either or both documents, then send me an email and I will provide them to you.

You should also have a blank writable ICS 214a PDF that I sent to you. If you don't, then send me an email and I will send you a copy.

The Scenario:

- For this Winlink exercise, we will be exploring a website that I recently was made aware of when participating in the East-Coast Winlink Net.
- The website is: **<https://www.laxnortheast.org/welfare>**
- This website includes a Welfare Bulletin Board that Amateur Radio Operators can use to inform their family and friends of their current status during a storm.
- Hams can also inform the loved ones of their neighbors as to how their neighbors are faring during the storm.

- The more Amateur Radio Operators are made aware of this Welfare Bulletin Board the more useful it will become.

Steps to complete this exercise:

1. Visit the website: <https://www.laxnortheast.org/welfare>
2. Create a new Winlink message
3. Go to Template and expand the following: Standard Forms → CA State Forms → Welfare Bulletin Board
4. Select Welfare Bulletin Board Message.txt
5. Fill in the form with the following:
 - a. Incident name: **BC Winlink Exercise #013**
 - b. To: WELFARE; K1MJJ
 - c. From: "Your name"
 - d. Message Type: **Exercise (Please select the radio button; Exercise!!)**
 - e. Message Status: INITIAL
 - f. Date/Time Local: Should already be filled in
 - g. Date/Time UTC: Should already be filled in.
6. Fill in the Welfare Message section with the following:
 - a. My Status: Safe
 - b. Message:
 - i. Exercise for Brunswick County, NC, EmComm Winlink Net. This is *Your call sign*.
 - ii. Leave the two "Next Check-in blocks" blank
7. Fill in the Location Information:
 - a. *Note: You can use your address; but I suggest you use the address of the closest Fire Station to you.*
8. Fill in the For Radio Operators Use:
 - a. Radio Operator: Your call sign
 - b. Coordinates are the same as address: **Yes** (*If you use the coordinates of the Fire Station*) **No** (*If you use your address' coordinates*)
 - c. Latitude and Longitude coordinates are determined by how you answered 8.b.
 - d. What3Words: Should have been automatically filled in by the coordinates you filled in.
9. Check your work; if satisfied; then click the Submit button
10. **Verify that the message is sent To: WELFARE; K1MJJ**
11. You can add your Internet email address in the Cc:
12. Post the message to outbox.

Send your work via Telnet, VHF Packet, or Vara HF.

Folks if you can please try to send me your work via RF. The only way you will be comfortable using the radio with Winlink is to practice.

Remember to check the Website: <https://www.laxnortheast.org/welfare> to see if you have been recorded in the Bulletin Board!!! It may take about an hour to have your input recorded.

Have fun and learn from this exercise.

Please send me any questions you have to my Winlink account or to K1MJJ.Ham@gmail.com.

Good luck!!!