

Brunswick County Emcomm Winlink Net

Session #018

Net Session Start: Monday June 8th at 12:01 AM

Net Session End: Saturday June 20th at 11:59 PM

For this exercise: Cc: K1MJJ@winlink.org

Notice:

- Please maintain your monthly ICS 214a for the month of June stating the time you spend working on the Winlink exercise(s) you have completed for the month of June. I will ask for the 214a at the end of the month.
- Please keep all Winlink correspondence for the month of June 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.
 - I have sent all of you a document on how to create a personal folder within Winlink
- 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.

Note:

- I would recommend that you send me your ICS 214a and ICS 309 via Telnet. PDF files created the way I have asked you to create them are quite large. If you try to send them via VHF or HF then you will be sending them through a slower medium.

The Scenario:

- This exercise is a continuation of exercise #017. We will use the Radio Relay International (RRI) Welfare Radiogram.

- Exercise #017 dealt with the RRI “I am safe msg” Winlink form.
- The RRI “I am safe msg” is a perfect Winlink form for you to use if the person in the shelter or the survivor of a disaster who wants to send a message to a family member or a friend has all the information needed to fill out that form such as a phone number email address or both.
- What if that person in the shelter or that survivor cannot remember the family member’s phone number? They may have lost their cell phone, with all their contact information, during the disaster. What if they cannot remember the email address of the family member? They may have lost their cell phone. But they may remember the family member’s address or parts of the address.
 - I would not want to be the person to inform them they are “out of luck” on sending a message to their family member.
- As a Winlink Operator you can attempt to use another type of RRI Winlink form. You would use the RRI Welfare Radiogram form because this form will use the address of the family member or even just parts of the address.
- The real reason a message may get to the family member is that this radiogram will be inserted into the National Traffic System (NTS) and the message will be handled by Hams at the receiving end. These NTS Hams will do their best to get the message to the correct recipient.
- I would appreciate it if you took a little time from your busy schedule to read a little bit about the NTS on the web.
- At the very least I would like you to read the instructions within the RRI Welfare Radiogram.
- For this exercise I would like you to select a friend or family member who lives preferably outside of North Carolina but if not then within NC is okay.
 - Actually, if you cannot think of a family member outside of NC or even within NC then pick a family member who lives with you.
 - Contact that family member and ask them if they would be okay with receiving an email message from you but delivered by a Ham with the NTS.
 - The selected family member or friend will be recipient of your Welfare Radiogram.
 - **Important: We are going to ask the NTS to use email as preferred.**

Steps to complete this exercise:

1. Create a new message.
2. Select the template RRI Quick Welfare Message.txt

- a. Standard Forms → Radiogram & RRI Forms → RRI Welfare
Radiogram.txt
3. For your knowledge: I recommend you click **“Read Help and Instructions!”**
4. Number: 1
5. Precedence: Test W
6. Handling Instructions: NONE
7. Station Of Origin: *Your callsign*
8. Check: *NA*
9. Place of Origin: *Your QTH town and state*
10. Time: *Use UTC time if possible*
11. Date: *Use current date*
12. Name: *The name of your recipient*
13. Address: *The address of your recipient (optional)*
14. City/Town: *Of your recipient*
15. State or Province: *Of your recipient*
16. Zip: *Of your recipient*
17. Country: **Optional**
18. Phone: *Of your recipient (Optional)*
19. Extension: *Leave it blank*
20. Email: *The email address of your recipient (Important)*
21. Op Note for Message Delivery: *Email delivery is preferred*
22. Message Text:
 - a. Note: Certain characters will not be allowed, such as the period. Do not worry, the form will make the corrections as you type. Let the form do its editing.
 - b. Type the following:
 - i. This is an exercise. Your callsign, your first name, your town, your county, your state, band and mode used
 - ii. Select two lines from the link: *“Click here to insert short, prepared messages”*
23. Click the link *“Click here to preview your accuracy BEFORE you SUBMIT”*
 - a. Accuracy is important!!!
24. Signature (name) of person for whom message originated: *In this exercise it will be your name. In a real event it will be the name of the person who asked you to send the message.*
25. NOW CLICK HERE and select a Liaison Station: Click this and select the region where the recipient of this message lives. For example: If the recipient lives in MA, then you would select Region 1.
 - a. Note: This will direct the message to the correct NTS section.

26. Check your work!!!
27. Submit the Welfare Radiogram
28. Send To: This will automatically be populated with the Region chose
29. Cc: Will have RRI-Archive. Add K1MJJ@winlink.org
30. Post the message to Outbox
31. Send your work to me via Telnet, VHF Packet, Vara FM 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.

Have fun and learn from this exercise.

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

32. Good luck!!!