

**STM REPORT
WISCONSIN SECTION
APRIL 2020**

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Undeliverable

FAQ# 225 What happens when traffic is not deliverable? Unlike the Postal Service, undelivered traffic doesn't go to a Dead Traffic Office. What happens to it depends on a few variables. Here are some cases to consider.

If a message is pending in our section – whether it came from someone in our state, in another section, or across the ocean – it requires some action. It's why we check in to traffic nets. There's a reason the message is there in the first place. Someone thought it was important enough to send – even if it was to keep the NTS working smoothly. So we respect that and make every attempt to handle it properly. We should make every effort to deliver it accurately and in a timely manner. It's what we do.

We trust that stations who attend traffic nets do so at least partly because they understand the importance of having such nets and keeping them working efficiently. We know it's training so we can help agencies in need. We still believe the NTS is a valuable system and service provided by our hobby. True, we do not have Hams from every community on our section nets – but we should at least have someone in the general area. Routine messages can be accepted, held, and delivered via a local net later in the week. It's still good practice.

Messages can be called in to a neighboring community if there's no Ham close to the recipient. That last-mile routing doesn't have to be actually within the last mile. Many telephone services these days offer area calls at no extra charge. Many deliveries lead to very interesting conversations and grateful receivers. Messages can be mailed with an explanation and an invitation to the receiver to find out more about Ham Radio or the NTS. Even an email delivery with confirmation is better than none.

So what happens if there's no outlet at all on the net where you've listed a message repeatedly? You have options. You can give the messages to someone else to take to a different section net. That works well if you know there's a station from near the destination who checks a later net. You can offer it to a local net where someone might have connections (daily schedules, ragchew nets, weather net) to the recipient's area. You can give it to someone else who will attempt delivery. Of course, you can deliver it yourself by phone, mail, or in person.

As a last resort, after a reasonable effort, you can send a service message back to the originating station including the reason you were unable to deliver the traffic. If it's a non-working phone number, include the number. If there's no answer after many tries, tell that to the sender. If there's an address problem, include the address as you received it. Use the ARL SIXTY SEVEN numbered radiogram and indicate in the text of the service message the original message number and addressee last name, and then add the explanation. The ARL SIXTY SEVEN message has two blanks and reads: "Your message number ____ undeliverable because of ____ . Please advise." Adding the last name after the message number backs up the number in case it is garbled in transmission. Note that "number" is included so you only need to insert the figures. Service messages are given special handling since they affect timely delivery of messages.

We take this public service aspect of our hobby seriously. We want to do a good job and keep our message-handling skills sharp. We have an excellent contingent of traffic stations on our nets, but a few good operators can't do it all. They need help. Please make

an effort to deliver any traffic you may receive, and encourage others, specially new Hams, to participate as well. You'll enhance the image of the hobby, and you'll get sharper skills and personal satisfaction from a job well done.

73 – K9LGU/STM-WI

WISCONSIN SECTION MONTHLY NET ACTIVITY

APRIL 2020

NET	QNI CHECK -INS	QTC TRAFFIC	QTR TIME	SSNS SESSIONS	NM
BWN	1011	1082	2474	30	K9LUK
BEN	495	380	900	30	NX9K
WSBN	731	259	1102	30	KN9P
WSSN	205	89	435	30	KB9ROB
WIN/E	186	129	282	30	WB9ICH
WIN/L	173	168	260	30	W9RTP
WRACES HF	88	10	155	4	WB9WKO
WRACES VHF	36	2	52	1	W9REL
WRACES DIGITAL	223	1439	5760	4	KB9MMC
W DSTAR	113	1	165	9	AB9FT
totals	3261	3559	11585	198	

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P S H R SUMMARY

April 2020

POSSIBLE POINTS >	40 nets	40 tfc	30 appt	5/hr. sked events	5/hr. emrg events	10ea bbs/web pg	
CALL	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
N9VC	40	40	30	310	0	10	430
WB9WKO	40	40	30	30	10	0	150
AG9G	40	40	20	35	0	0	135
K9ILJ	38	27	20	30	0	20	135
K9LGU	40	40	30	20	0	0	130
KC9FXE	40	40	10	20	0	0	110
KN9P	40	40	20	0	0	0	100
NX9K	40	40	20	0	0	0	100

For questions about the Public Service Honor Roll see the ARRL website.

Here's a link: <http://www.arrl.org/public-service-honor-roll>

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STATION ACTIVITY SUMMARY

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STATION	ORIG	RCVD	SENT	DLVD	TOTAL
NX9K	516	113	535	2	1176 – BPL
WB9WKO	0	518	354	3	875 – BPL
AG9G	0	184	99	0	293
K9LGU	0	74	78	0	152
N9VC	0	107	34	0	141
KA9BAE	0	48	55	0	103
KB9ROB	3	51	24	16	94
WD9FLJ	0	36	42	2	80
KN9P	0	43	13	15	71
KC9FXE	0	13	36	13	62
W9UW	1	25	29	1	56
K9GDF	0	28	21	2	51
KB9NUM	1	19	12	16	48
K9GU	0	0	31	0	31
K9ILJ	0	16	8	3	27
WB9ICH	0	15	2	1	18
W9AUA	0	3	5	0	8
W9RNA	0	3	1	3	7