

STM Report Wisconsin Section August 2014

Back to School

FAQ # 157 - Are there lessons we still need to learn about traffic handling? Well, there are several schools of thought about that. Some Hams seem to think that all they need is an HT and a few check-ins to a local net for training. They are mistaken. We could all be schooled a bit.

Even “seasoned” traffic handlers (salt-of-the-earth types who pepper their discussion with acronyms about traffic) can learn better procedures and make them automatic by practice. Of course, practicing *incorrect* procedures makes them harder to unlearn.

Examples in traffic: A zero is a zero. It’s a number, a figure. It’s not an “O” – either the letter or the exclamation, Oh! A learned operator will know the difference.

Figures are said individually. “22” is said “two two” – not “twenty-two.” The figures 304 are said, “three zero four” – not “three oh four” or “three hundred and four.”

There’s no need to name the parts of the preamble (station, check, etc.) but *do* start with the word, “number.” After that, the receiver knows what comes next.

There’s no “x-ray” after an ARL number (always spelled out) and no “x-ray” after the word “query” in the text. Not needed. There’s no “S” on “73” if you send it or say it. Same reason.

And homonyms are spelled out. As English teachers always say when trying to comfort someone, “There, their, they’re.”

There’s always something to learn or practice, but schooling like this is easy for traffic handlers. They have class. – 73, K9LGU/STM-WI

WISCONSIN SECTION

P S H R SUMMARY AUGUST 2014

POSSIBLE POINTS >	40 nets	40 tfc	30 appt	5 /hr. sked evnts	5 /hr. emrg evnts	10ea bbs/ web page	
CALL	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
K9LGU	40	40	30	95	0	0	205
WB9WKO	40	40	30	35	10	0	155
AG9G	40	40	20	25	0	0	125
NX9K	40	40	30	0	0	0	110
N9VC	40	40	10	0	0	20	110
KB9KEG	10	40	30	0	0	10	90
WA9QIB	40	40	0	0	0	0	80

WISCONSIN SECTION
MONTHLY NET ACTIVITY SUMMARY
AUGUST 2014

NET	QNI	QTC	QTR	SSNS	NM
BWN	1858	2250	4263	31	W9IXG
BEN	285	176	622	31	NX9K
WSBN	370	161	827	31	KB9KEG
WNN	210	24	415	31	KB9ROB
WSSN	130	14	217	17	N1KSN
WIN/E	210	45	248	31	WB9ICH
WIN/L	206	43	278	31	W9RTP
WRACES <small>HF</small>	73	18	231	5	WB9WKO
WRACES <small>VHF</small>	24	0	26	1	W9REL
WRACES-D	151	742	5760	4	WB9RQR
totals	3517	3473	12887	213	

WISCONSIN SECTION

STATION ACTIVITY SUMMARY

AUGUST 2014

STATION	ORIG	RCVD	SENT	DLVD	TOTAL
NX9K	35	62	488	5	590 -BPL
N9VC	6	483	90	0	579 - BPL
WB9WKO	0	68	97	6	171
WA9QIB	1	76	19	24	120
K9LGU	0	53	55	1	109
KA9BAE	11	45	47	1	104
AG9G	0	11	60	1	72
WD9FLJ	1	30	32	2	65
KB9KEG	5	27	5	5	42
W9RTP	0	20	9	2	31
N9KQ	0	0	31	0	31
K9GU	0	0	31	0	31
KB9ROB	0	20	5	2	27
KN9P	0	11	8	8	27
WB9ICH	0	11	2	0	13
N1KSN	0	9	2	0	11
KC9RXI	0	0	3	0	3