

Arizona Statewide Interoperability Exercise
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Getting Started

Having Problems Originating Radiogram Messages?

You know why originating radiograms is a problem. The sending protocol is a challenge. But even after you're reasonably comfortable with that, your problems are *Who do I send a message to?* and *What do I say?*

This file helps solve those last two problems. It doesn't address the on-air sending protocols. See www.SaguaroNTS.Net or Google "NTS radiogram" for that training.

If you need ready-made, valid, deliverable messages, here you go. Just plug in your personal information where needed, meet a net or arrange with a friend, and send the message over the air.

Deliverable

These messages are intended to be delivered. Real people will accept the messages, appreciate them, and maybe even provide a reply. They have volunteered to help you gain proficiency in this important skill.

First-Time Origination Message

If you're a first-timer, the first one is the hardest. I recommend you use the first-time origination message on the next page. It exercises several message-transmission skills and puts you in contact with the state ARES Section Emergency Coordinator. He usually tries to respond with a radiogram back to you.

After the First One

After that, pick some other sample messages, fill in the blanks with your own information, and send them.

- Get the experience.
- Get the feedback so you can grow your skills.
- Get the satisfaction of doing a good job.

And get ready to serve in exercises or when the spam hits the fan!

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First-Time Origination Message

The first one's the hardest. Go to www.QRZ.com and update your e-mail address on the page for your call sign. Fill in the blanks on the form, below, as indicated in gray; find someone to "catch" your message on the air; and send it to them.

I don't intend to coach sending and receiving protocol here. Listen to good examples, read training materials such as at www.SaguaroNTS.Net, or Google NTS radiogram for other training materials.

RADIOGRAM

Number	Precedence	HX	Station of Origin	Check	Place of Origin	Time Filed	Date
1	R	G	<insert your call sign>	19	<insert your town and state>	<leave blank>	<insert MONTH DAY>
TO: DENNIS BIETRY KE7EJF ARIZONA ARES SEC PO BOX 16885 PHOENIX AZ 85011 TELEPHONE NO: 602 274 3732 E-MAIL: KE7EJF AT COX DOT NET					THIS RADIO MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED AT AMATEUR STATION _____ PHONE _____ NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY & STATE _____		
MY	FIRST	ORIGINATION		MESSAGE	X		
PLEASE	ACKNOWLEDGE	TO		<insert your area code>	<insert your phone prefix>		
<insert your phone suffix>	OR	MY		EMAIL	ADDRESS		
AT	QRZ	DOT		COM			
<insert your name and call sign>							
REC'D			SENT				
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TIP: Phone numbers in the Text section are treated as three (3) word groups – the area code, the prefix (first three digits), and the suffix (final four digits). Precede each of those word groups with the word "Figures" when sending. That three-word-group protocol isn't necessary for phone numbers in the Address section.

When you pass this message to another ham, record his/her call sign, name (optional), the date, and time in the SENT blank at the bottom right of the form.

Ignore for now the "This Radio Message Was Received At" box. That's for hand- or mail-delivered messages.

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Formatted Origination Messages

The fill-in-the-blanks radiogram form is handy when you're getting started. After a while, you won't need the form, but until then it helps to have the context it affords.

Here are some valid, properly-formatted, and deliverable messages. Fill in the blanks as indicated in gray, and send any or all of them.

Basic Level

(Plain text, basic handling instructions, phone delivery)

Number <small><insert your msg #></small>	Precedence R	HX G	Station of Origin <small><insert your call sign></small>	Check 16	Place of Origin <small><insert your town and state></small>	Time Filed <small><leave blank></small>	Date <small><insert MONTH DAY></small>																				
TO: JOHN MONTEZ RN MT GRAHAM REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER SAFFORD AZ 85546 TELEPHONE NO: 928 351 7544 E-MAIL:					THIS RADIO MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED AT AMATEUR STATION _____ PHONE _____ NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY & STATE _____																						
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TO: DAGNY TAGGART 698 W FRUIT TREE LN SAN TAN VALLEY AZ 85143 TELEPHONE NO: 480 381 2510 E-MAIL:					THIS RADIO MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED AT AMATEUR STATION _____ PHONE _____ NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY & STATE _____										
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TO: BILL STEVENS SIERRA VISTA REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER 300 EL CAMINO REAL SIERRA VISTA AZ 85635 TELEPHONE NO: 520 222 9952 E-MAIL:					THIS RADIO MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED AT AMATEUR STATION _____ PHONE _____ NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY & STATE _____		
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Freeform (Not on a Radiogram Form) Messages

Experienced traffic handlers don't usually bother with the radiogram form unless they are delivering the message by hand or scanning it to send by e-mail. Normally, traffic handlers either write by hand in a notebook or type to a simple computer text file.

Here are some messages you can originate. They're still properly formatted, valid, and deliverable. They just skip the form.

Fill in the blanks with your information and send any or all of them. Look at the radiogram form if you need reminders what information goes in which blanks.

Intermediate Level

(ARL text, receipt handling instructions, op notes, alternate delivery, books, Place of Origin different from ham's location)

Sent to:

___ R HXC _____ 14 _____

OWEN KELLOGG
426 S BOWIE AVE
WILLCOX AZ 85643
520 222 9952

WE NEED YOU IN OHIO
IMMEDIATELY X HOW SOON CAN
YOU GET HERE QUERY

DAGNY TAGGART

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Sent to:

__ R HXC _____ 15 _____

JAMES MICHENER
210 W 100 N
PIMA AZ 85543
928 351 7544

RECEIVED REPORTS OF STORM DAMAGE
YOUR AREA X CONFIRM SAFETY
OF MISSIONARIES SMITH AND JONES

ROBERT HALE

Sent to:

__ R HXC _____ 24 HEBER AZ _____

KEVIN BERSCH KE7VIN
449 W BARROW LN
CHANDLER AZ 85224
KE7VIN AT ARRL DOT NET
OP NOTE: DELIVER BY EMAIL

EXERCISE SITREP LCANS APACHE BASIN
TRAILHEAD X OVERDUE HIKER RAINY
WEATHER X SEARCHING EASTWARD ON
TRAIL X CCSO FOR SAR
X PAR X EXERCISE

MIKE WB4ZKA

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Sent to:

__ R HXG _____ 21 _____

GREG PETERS KC5ZGG
564 S STERLING VISTAS WAY
VAIL AZ 85641
520-303-3286

HE IS NEVER OUT OF
TOUCH WHO IS IN RANGE
OF AN NTS NET X
THANKS FOR LEADING THE SAGUARO
NET

<insert your name and call sign>

Sent to:

__ R HXC _____ ARL23 ST LOUIS MO _____

GENE THOMAS
8039 E 5TH AVE
MESA AZ 85208
480 381 2510

ARL ONE ARL FOUR ALL
WELL IN MY PART OF
TOWN X HAVE EVERYTHING I
NEED EXCEPT ENOUGH SLEEP X
THANKS X LOVE

TODD

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Sent to:

-- R HXC _____ 14 PHOENIX AZ _____
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JUNE LOCKHART MARICOPA MEDICAL CENTER
OP NOTE: REPLY VIA MMC PHOENIX AZ 85008 480 381 2510

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__ JOHN MONTEZ RN
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SAFFORD AZ 85546
928 351 7544

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Raw Messages

Rarely does a third-party approach you with a formatted radiogram message. The following messages simulate what you might receive. It's up to you to format them correctly before sending.

Proficient Level

(Reply handling instructions, reply op notes, condensing message Text)

Sgt John France
PCSO Lake Station
Roosevelt Lake, AZ 85545
928 351 7544 (leave voice mail)

Exercise. Please evaluate lake sites for Interop exercise. Will cell phones be reliable?
Exercise.

-- Dennis Bietry
PO Box 16885
Phoenix, AZ 85011
602 274 3732

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PO Box 16885
Phoenix, AZ 85011
602 274 3732

Exercise. Poor cell coverage here. Will have to use alternate comms for Interop exercise. Amateur radio works. Exercise.

-- Sgt John France PCSO
Roosevelt Lake, AZ

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Bill Stevens
Sierra Vista Regional Health Center
300 El Camino Real
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
520 222 9952

Exercise. Advise whether your TICP is complete for the Interop drill. Exercise.

-- June Lockhart
Maricopa Medical Center
Phoenix, AZ 85008
480 381 2510

Get a reply from Bill.

Rick Ohver
30 Pleasant St
Groton, CT 06340
860 373 7250 (leave a voicemail)

Congratulations on your new arrival. Hope mother and child are well. Good news is always welcome. Very delighted to hear about yours.

<insert your name and call sign>

[Optional: Can you condense this message Text without changing a single word?]

Rick Hoffman
745 Fillmore St
San Francisco, CA 94117
415 335 9438 (leave voice mail)

Come over Thursday of next week if you can. Business.

-- Ransom
Tempe, AZ

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