Monthly Packet Message Passing Exercise Review

Period: 11/20/2024 09:00 to 10/26/2024

Santa Clara County ARES®/RACES

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Messages Passed Summary

Approximate number counts from the Xanadu EOC ICS-309:

Assignments sent (total):		19 + 2 test + 1 instructor
Actual participating / dropped / MIA		15 / 1 / 3
Outpost / Manual / Fun		13 / 6 / 0
Content Messages exchanged *:		As of 11/26 17:31
	1 x ICS213 (sent to XND EOC) Total ICS212 tx + rx	42 106
	1 x EOC213RR tx	21
	Various operator-2-operator	208
	Other, testing, etc.	-na-

Thank you for participating in this exercise!

- Excluding DELIVERED: 335 includes resends and testing.
  Overall total to/from Xanadu EOC: 602

Usual Practice Objectives

- Based on SCC documentation
  - SCCo ARES/RACES Packet Operations - Type III, Part A and Part B courses
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  - Standard Packet Check-in/Out Message - 09/25/2024
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  - RACES Recommended Form Routing Cheat Sheet [Rev: 19-Feb-2024]

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No Zoom Session

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The Assignment: Intro and Part 1 and 2

Reminder that the practice end time is now Tuesday at 17:00.

Greetings,

You are receiving this email as you have signed up for the SCC Packet Message passing exercise that opens at 09:00 this Wednesday. and closes on next Tuesday at 17:00 **(new ending time)**. If needed, please (re)review the event posting as well as the [monthly message passing practice training page](#) for information on drill simulation process flow and review any **Updated** and **New** information as there have been changes since the last practice.

1) Simulated Scenario for this month's exercise: you have been assigned as a packet radio operator for a Xanadu Harvest Festival Kiosk. Kiosks provide services to the attending public such as event information, emergency reporting, minimal first aid, water bottles, and more.

2) Assignment details for mutual aid volunteer consideration

Agency:	Xanadu County
Event/Incident:	Xanadu Harvest Festival, Activation #: XND-24-1120P
Assignment: (simulated)	Provide packet operator services for public kiosk communications with Xanadu EOC during the annual Harvest Festival Event.
Requested arrival and Operational Period:	For this simulation and practice, your operational period begins with the download of any pertinent BBS notices prior to your kiosk's check in to the packet network and ends with your kiosk's check out and subsequent transmission of the required participation turn-in materials to the practice instructor.
Simulated Reporting Location:	For this practice, use a nearby street intersection for the location of your simulated kiosk. Use the same intersection location for the duration of this practice. If you see *<simulated location>* in a message, substitute with your simulated street intersection.
Contact on arrival:	Charles Brown, Kiosk 20 manager.
Travel info:	All major roads are clear at this time.

Do you accept or decline the above assignment?:
Please reply to this message with the simple added text response of "I accept this assignment" or "I decline this assignment". If you receive this assignment on more than one email address, only one response is requested. Do not expect a response to this email, please continue with the practice.

The Assignment: Intro and Part 3 and 4

3) Mobilization and Travel Tracking - Resource Net Level 3
This process step is not simulated for this practice.

4) Local Situational Briefing and Position Assignment
This information in this section will be made available to the mutual aid communicator upon arrival at the reporting location. As part of this practice use this information after your simulated arrival.

Your supervisor	Linus van Pelt
Your position:	Packet Operator
Tactical Call Sign for packet: (also your BBS mailbox):	XND020
Location: (also your Tactical Name for Check-in/out and any voice nets)	Kiosk 20
Your message number prefix:	X20
Next packet message number: (from simulated relief briefing)	your_choice
City BBS Notice area:	XND@XSC
Your BBS:	Use your normal primary BBS, if not available use your secondary.
Xanadu EOC mailbox:	XNDEOC@W1XSC.ampr.org (primary)
	XNDEOC@W4XSC.ampr.org (secondary)
XND EOC activation period:	From Wednesday 11/20/24 09:00 until Tuesday 11/26/24 17:00
Participation credit requirements	Packet messages sent to EOC: Check-in, Check-out, and all 3rd party messages Email(s) to instructor with completed packet ICS-309 (per release instructions).
Simulate Voice communications with Xanadu EOC:	For simulated voice net messages, call the EOC at **650-542-8987** and leave a voice message., SMS/MMS text messages are also accepted. (Yes, this really works for this exercise).

Starting your Operational Period

- After your simulated arrival remember to routinely check the assignment BBS city notice area starting <u>before you check in</u> on the Xanadu packet net and then routinely during the event.
- Begin your operational period with a Check-In for your tactical assignment, then follow the directions in each BBS city notice or received message from XNDEOC. If you sent the correct response message you will receive the next message task in this exercise.
- A message with the subject containing "Thank you" will contain your last assignments.

Check-In

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21 |   076P | X21-076P_R_Check-In XND021, Kiosk 21
21 |   084P | X21-084P_R_Check-In XND021, Kiosk 21
22 |  1542P | X22-1542P_R_Check-In XND022, Kiosk 22
24 |   604M | X24-604M_R_Check-In XND024, Kiosk 24
25 |   671P | X25-671P_R_Check-In XND025, Kiosk 25
26 |   137P | X26-137P_R_Check-In XND026, Kiosk 26
27 |  2703P | X27-2703P_R_Check-In XND027, Kiosk 27
29 |   255P | X29-255P_R_Check-In XND029, Kiosk 29
30 |   207P | X30-207P_R_Check-In XND030, Packet Operator
31 |   102M | X31-102M_R_Check-In XND031, Kiosk 31
31 |   102M | X31-102M_R_Check-In XND031, Kiosk 31
32 |  1001M | X32-1001M_R_Check-In XND032, Kiosk 32
33 |  1210P | X33-1210P_R_Check-In XND033, Kiosk033
35 |  1122M | 035-1122M_R_Check-In XND035, Kiosk 35
35 |  1122R | X35-1122R_R_Check-In XND035, Kiosk 35
36 |   133P | X36-133P_R_Check-In XND036, Kiosk 36
37 |   263M | X37-263M_R_Check-In XND037, Kiosk 37
38 |   473P | X38-473P_R_Check-In XND038, Kiosk 38 at Prospect and Scully
39 |   306P | X39-306P_R_Check-In XND039, Kiosk 39
41 |   201M | X41-201M_R_Check-In XND041, Kiosk 41
41 |   251M | X41-251M_R_Check-In XND041, Kiosk 41
42 |   305P | X42-305P_R_Check-In XND042, <real name omitted>
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Notes:
1. XND030, should be "Kiosk 30" and not "Packet Operator"
2. XND038 interesting extra location information
3. XND042 used real name instead of "Kiosk 42"
4. XND031 sent twice, manual issue?
5. XND035 corrected prefix in second send
6. XND024 sent first with FCC callsign (not shown) and then corrected with XND024

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21 |  080P | X21-080P_R_XND 24 Harvest Festival notice read at 11:17:24 10:40_10:40
21 |  081P | X21-081P_R_24 Harvest Festival notice read at 11:17:24 10:40_10:40
21 |  082P | X21-082P_R_XND 24 Harvest Festival notice read at 11:17:24 10:40_10:40
21 |  087P | 11/17/24_10:40 | X21-087P_R_XND 2024 Harvest Festival notice read at 11/17/24 10:40
22 | 1543P | 11/17/24_15:21 | X22-1543P_R_XND 2024 Harvest Festival notice read at 11/17/24 15:21
24 |  605M | 11/20/24_13:19 | X24-605M_R_XND 2024 Harvest Festival notice read at 11/20/24 13:19
25 |  674P | 11/25/24_16:31 | X25-674P_R_XND 2024 Harvest Festival notice read at 11/25/24 16:31
26 |  138P | 11/26/24_15:37 | X26-138P_R_XND 2024 Harvest Festival notice read at 11/26/24 15:37
27 | 2702P | 11/26/24_13:32 | X27-2702P_R_XND 2024 Harvest Festival notice read at 11/26/24 13:32
29 |  258P | 11/20/24_17:33 | X29-258P_R_XND 2024 Harvest Festival notice read at 11/20/24 17:33
30 |  210P | _badtime | X30-210P_R_XND 2024 Harvest Festival notice read
32 | 1003M | 11/23/24_21:07 | X32-1003M_R_XND 2024 Harvest Festival notice read at 11/23/24 21:07
33 | 1213P | 11/22/24_15:32 | X33-1213P_R_XND 2024 Harvest Festival notice read at 11/22/24 15:32
35 | 1127M | 11/26/24_13:55 | X35-1127M_R_XND 2024 Harvest Festival notice read at 11/26/24 13:55
36 |  134P | 11/25/24_10:39 | X36-134P_R_XND 2024 Harvest Festival notice read at 11/25/24 10:39
37 |  264M | 11/24/24_15:06 | X37-264M_R_XND 2024 Harvest Festival notice read at 11/24/24 15:06
39 |  307P | 11/20/24_17:49 | X39-307P_R_XND 2024 Harvest Festival notice read at 11/20/24 17:49
41 |  203M | 11/20/24_09:25 | X41-203M_R_XND 2024 Harvest Festival notice read at 11/20/24 09:25
41 |  258M | 11/21/24_11:24 | X41-258M_R_XND 2024 Harvest Festival notice read at 11/21/24 11:249
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Notes:
1. XND021 broke the date syntax by using 11:17:24 instead of 11/17/24 – had to fix by hand to get through the automated parsing, also sent multiple messages
2. XND030 did not include the date and time as required

Message 1: EOC213RR

- Issues noted
  - Not everyone sent with Handling Order of Priority
  - Large variability on FROM ICS Position
    - Should be the <u>Position</u> noted in the <u>Requested By</u> information (Field 5)
      - In this case "Kiosk Supervisor" as noted on the form
      - Variations observed:
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        8a.: [Communications Supervisor]
        8a.: [Kiosk Manager]
        8a.: [Kiosk Supervisor]
        8a.: [Operations]
        8a.: [Packet Operator]
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    - Note: will likely never be the "Packet Operator"
    - Heads up !!: this will be scored more diligently in future practices.

Message 1: EOC213RR

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21 |  088P |_P | X21-088P_P_EOC213RR_Xanadu Harvest Festival
22 | 1546P |_P | X22-1546P_P_EOC213RR_Xanadu Harvest Festival
24 |  609M |_P | X24-609M_P_EOC213RR_Xanadu Harvest Festival
25 |  675P |_P | X25-675P_P_EOC213RR_Xanadu Harvest Festival
26 |  141P |_P | X26-141P_P_EOC213RR_Xanadu Harvest Festival
27 | 2706P |_P | X27-2706P_P_EOC213RR_Xanadu Harvest Festival
29 |  259P |_P | X29-259P_P_EOC213RR_Xanadu Harvest Festival
30 |  211P |_P | X30-211P_P_EOC213RR_Xanadu Harvest Festival
31 |  109M |_R | X31-109M_R_EOC213RR_Xanadu Harvest Festival
32 | 1007M |_P | X32-1007M_P_EOC213RR_Xanadu Harvest Festival
33 | 1214P |_P | X33-1214P_P_EOC213RR_Xanadu Harvest Festival
35 | 1128M |_P | X35-1128M_P_EOC213RR_Xanadu Harvest Festival
36 |  137P |_R | X36-137P_R_EOC213RR_Xanadu Harvest Festival
37 |  269M |_P | X37-269M_P_EOC213RR_Xanadu Harvest Festival
38 |  478P |_R | X38-478P_R_EOC213RR_Xanadu Harvest Festival
39 |  310P |_R | X39-310P_R_EOC213RR_Xanadu Harvest Festival
41 |  206M |_P | X41-206M_P_EOC213RR_Xanadu Harvest Festival XMD-24-1120T
41 |  206R |_P | X41-206R_P_EOC213RR_Xanadu Harvest Festival XMD-24-1120T
41 |  260M |_P | X41-260M_P_EOC213RR_Xanadu Harvest Festival XND-24-1120T
42 |  308P |_P | X42-308P_P_EOC213RR_Xanadu Harvest Festival
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Notes:
1. XND031, XND036, XND038, XND039 – handling should be "P" priority
2. XND041 sent 3 messages, one was a Resend, all put an activation number (looks like, first two wrong suffix) in the Subject field which was not in the original form Field 1 "Incident Name"

Message 2: ICS213 Health Issue

- Issues noted
  - Several Take Action / Reply omissions
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Message 2: ICS 213 Health Issues

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21  |   091P |_P | X21–091P_P_ICS213_Health issues
22  |  1549P |_P | X22–1549P_P_ICS213_Health Issues
24  |   615M |_P | X24–615M_P_ICS213_Health Issues
25  |   678P |_P | X25–678P_P_ICS213_Health Issues
26  |   144P |_P | X26–144P_P_ICS213_Health Issues
27  |  2709P |_P | X27–2709P_P_ICS213_Health Issues
29  |   262P |_P | X29–262P_P_ICS213_Health Issues
30  |   214P |_P | X30–214P_P_ICS213_Health Issues
31  |   113M |_P | X31–113M_P_ICS213_Health Issues
32  |  1012M |_P | X32–1012M_P_ICS213_Health Issues
33  |  1217P |_P | X33–1217P_P_ICS213_Health Issues
35  |  1131M |_P | X35–1131M_P_ICS213_Health Issues
36  |   140P |_P | X36–140P_P_ICS213_Health Issues.
37  |   273M |_P | X37–273M_P_ICS213_Health Issues
38  |   481P |_P | X38–481P_P_ICS213_Health Issues
39  |   313P |_P | X39–313P_P_ICS213_Health Issues
41  |   212M |_P | X41–212M_P_ICS213_Health Issues
41  |   265M |_P | X41–265M_P_ICS213_Health Issues
42  |   312P |_P | X42–312P_P_ICS213_Health Issues
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Notes:
1.   Nits

Message 3: ICS213 event parking

- Issues noted
  - One Take Action / Reply omission

Message 3: ICS 213

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21   |  094P | X21–094P_P_ICS213_Event Parking Concerns
22   | 1552P | X22–1552P_P_ICS213_Event Parking Concerns
24   |  620M | X24–620M_P_ICS213_Event Parking Concerns
25   |  681P | X25–681P_P_ICS213_Event Parking Concerns
26   |  147P | X26–147P_P_ICS213_Event Parking Concerns
27   | 2712P | X27–2712P_P_ICS213_Event Parking Concerns
29   |  265P | X29–265P_P_ICS213_Event Parking Concerns
30   |  217P | X30–217P_P_ICS213_Event Parking Concerns
31   |  117M | X31–117M_P_ICS213_Event Parking Concerns
32   | 1016M | X32–1016M_P_ICS213_Event Parking Concerns
33   | 1220P | X33–1220P_P_ICS213_Event Parking Concerns
35   | 1134M | X35–1134M_P_ICS213_Event Parking Concerns
36   |  143P | X36–143P_P_ICS213_Event Parking Concerns
37   |  278M | X37–278M_P_ICS213_Event Parking Concerns
38   |  484P | X38–484P_P_ICS213_Event Parking Concerns
39   |  316P | X39–316P_P_ICS213_Event Parking Concerns
41   |  219M | X41–219M_P_ICS213_Event Parking Concerns
41   |  219M | X41–219M_P_ICS213_Event Parking Concerns
41   |  269M | X41–269M_P_ICS213_Event Parking Concerns
41   |  269R | X41–269R_P_ICS213_Event Parking Concerns
42   |  323P | X42–323P_P_ICS213_Event Parking Concerns
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Notes:

1.   All good.

Check-Out

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21  |   097P | X21-097P_R_Check-Out XND021, Kiosk 21
22  |  1555P | X22-1555P_R_Check-Out XND022, Kiosk 22
24  |   624M | X24-624M_R_Check-Out XND024, Kiosk 24
25  |   684P | X25-684P_R_Check-Out XND025, Kiosk 25
25  |   684P | X25-684P_R_Check-Out XND025, Kiosk 25
26  |   150P | X26-150P_R_Check-Out XND026, Kiosk 26
27  |  2715P | X27-2715P_R_Check-Out XND027, Kiosk 27
29  |   268P | X29-268P_R_Check-Out XND029, Kiosk 29
30  |   220P | X30-220P_R_Check-Out XND030, Packet Operator
31  |   121M | X31-121M_R_Check-Out XND031, Kiosk 31
32  |  1020M | X32-1020M_R_Check-Out XND032, Kiosk 32
33  |  1223P | X33-1223P_R_Check-Out XND033, Kiosk033
35  |  1137M | X35-1137M_R_Check-Out XND035, Kiosk 35
36  |   146P | X36-146P_R_Check-Out XND036, Kiosk 36
37  |   282M | X37-282M_R_Check-Out XND037, Kiosk 37
38  |   487P | X38-487P_R_Check-Out XND038, Kiosk 38 at Prospect and Scully
39  |   319P | X39-319P_R_Check-Out XND039, Kiosk 39
41  |   223M | X41-223M_R_Check-Out XND041, Kiosk 41
41  |   276M | X41-276M_R_Check-Out XND041, Kiosk 41
42  |   334P | X42-334P_R_Check-Out XND042, <real name omitted>
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Notes:
1. Some same observations as with Check-In

ICS 309 Reminder

- All looking pretty good
- Had to ask for some corrections and resubmit

Summary

This Month

- Good go for November

- No Zoom session held due to holiday impact

December 2024 practice will start on 12/11

Draft scorecard posted – send comments via Internet email to instructor

- Reminder, there is no pass or fail

- The scorecard is a tool for indicating areas for improvement