

MIRO TACTICAL MESSAGE DELIVERY

Whether in the field with CERT/S&R teams, other services or just evaluating your neighborhood, the ham radio operator's job is to take observed information and create a brief and concise message that contains all the necessary information for the EOC to direct action. In the real world you would seek out key missing information before sending an incomplete message. The information that **MUST** be sent in the message is:

1. Precedence
2. Name of sending tactical unit
3. Location (The Where)
4. The body of the message answers the questions of Who, What and, if appropriate, Action Requested.
5. Unless the event is a "Real Emergency," start and finish the message with the words, "THIS IS A DRILL"

The next page below is explanatory and the second page is the blank form that you can print. Keep a supply in your GO pack. Write out your message before sending it.

When you are ready to transmit a message transmit your Tactical Call to the Net Control. Net Control will respond as quickly as possible. If you have an Emergency or Priority message, say so when you give your tactical call. (e.g. SEARCH & RESCUE 1 WITH EMERGENCY MESSAGE)

All messages have to be transcribed by the MIRO hams at EOC. It is critical to speak slowly and distinctly so the scribe can copy the message effectively. When you finish dictating the message close with your callsign. There may be several messages in the queue and EOC will call as quickly as possible. It is most likely that messages will be passed on the UHF repeater (440.150 MHz) and Net Control will direct you to that repeater. Do not leave the VHF repeater (147.160 MHz) unless so directed and report when you return. Many times, Emergency messages will be kept on VHF to avoid time delay changing radio frequency.

Every message each of us sends reflects our understanding of the situation and ability to distill the information to action-oriented results. We all need to be facile with tactical messaging. In a real emergency they will comprise a large portion of the useful communications.

City of Mercer Island

HAM Radio Message Form
[August 2012]

Date / Time _____
Incident Number _____
message number _____

Circle Precedence* **Emergency** **Priority** **Routine**

Message From: TACTICAL CALL SIGN OR NAME AND CALL SIGN
Message To: MI EOC

Incident Location: AS PRECISE AS POSSIBLE
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Message: (Make the message brief, concise with sufficient information for action to be taken)
Message always starts with "This is a drill"

EXAMPLE

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message number _____

Circle Precedence* **Emergency** **Priority** **Routine**

Message From: Senior Team #1 KI7ELH
Message To: MI EOC

Incident Location: 5001 Butterworth Rd.
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Message: THIS IS A DRILL. Elderly male resident having a stroke. Medical assistance needed.
THIS IS A DRILL

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Emergency

Priority

Routine

Message From:

Message To: MI EOC

Incident Location:

Message: **THIS IS A DRILL.**

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Message: **THIS IS A DRILL.**