

Packet Bulletin Net - PKTNET@USA

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WHO: All amateur radio operators

WHAT: Packet Bulletin Net - PKTNET@USA

WHEN: Sunday, October 22, 2023 - 0000 UTC

Saturday, October 28, 2023 - 2359 UTC

HOW: This net will accept check-ins via BBS Bulletins only. Send a check-in via any participating BBS, with active forwarding, any time during the week.

The coming months will be about sending standard text based forms that can be easily used via Packet Radio Messaging.

Below is a text version of the ICS-213 form. This month N3MEL is asking that we fill out the form and send it back as a Packet Bulletin.

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Subject: ICS213, Callsign, Name, City/Town/County, State

Message:

GENERAL MESSAGE (ICS 213)

1. Incident Name (Optional):

2. To (Name and Position):

3. From (Name and Position):

4. Subject:

5. Date:

6. Time:

7. Message:

8. Approved by: Name: Signature: Position/Title:

9. Reply:

10. Replied by: Name: Position/Title: Signature:

Example ICS-213:

GENERAL MESSAGE (ICS 213)

1. Incident Name (Optional): Packet Bulletin Net
2. To (Name and Position): All Net Stations
3. From (Name and Position): Glenn/N3MEL, Station Operator
4. Subject: ICS-213 (THIS IS A DRILL)
5. Date: 10-15-23
6. Time: 09:00L
7. Message: This is my example form message, you can add any info you would like in this section such as upcoming events or drills in your area. Please include the THIS IS A DRILL in both your form's subject line and again in your message text body.

THIS IS A DRILL

8. Approved by: Name: Glenn Signature: N3MEL Position/Title: OPS

9. Reply:

10. Replied by: Name: Position/Title: Signature:

The participant map will be updated throughout the duration of the net at:

<https://www.qsomap.org/QSOmapProduction/qsomapforQRZ.php?call=n3mel>

Don't feel obligated to enter a detailed message if it's difficult; the important part is the Subject line! Just remove the "ICS213" part of the subject, and send your callsign, name, city/town/county, and state.

Here's a simple web form here to help create the ICS-213 plain text:

<http://vden.org/pktnet/ics213.html>

The VDEN website (<http://vden.org>) includes information about the Central Virginia BBSes, how to send personal mail and bulletins, and methods for connecting over RF (Packet / Vara via Terminal / Winlink / Outpost).

Bulletins created on the N4VEM BBS will be forwarded over Vara FM to the KN4LQN BBS, which will then forward over Vara HF to the N3MEL BBS and the wider regional packet network.

Reach out if you have any questions!

73,
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