

Don't just talk about traffic handling, let's do it!

Valentines Day is February 14. Why not send a Valentine greeting to someone you love via amateur radio? This is a good exercise for the entire system and builds experience needed during emergencies.

Format your Radiogram like this example:

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1 R W7ZXZ ARL9 YOURTOWN STATECODE MONTH(MMM) DAY(DD) <(Header Line.)
ADDRESSEE NAME
STREET ADDRESS
CITY STATECODE ZIPCODE
123 456 7890
EMAIL ADDEE ATSIGN EMAIL DOT COM (Always spell out punctuation.)
BT
ARL FIFTY ARL SIXTY VALENTINES
DAY X LOVE YOU
BT
SENDER SIGNATURE
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The Radiogram Header explained:

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[Msg. #] [Precedence {R for routine}] [Station of origin]
[Word/group count {ARL signifies a ARL numbered radiogram text is
used.}] [Place of Origin] [Date]
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Note that handling instructions (HX_) and Time Filed are not used in Routine messages unless the message is time sensitive.

Numbered Radiogram Texts are here: <https://radiorelay.org/publications/>

The Delivering Station will translate the Numbered Radiogram Text to plain text on delivery.

Present your message to your Section or Local net for relay. For voice, say: This is YOURCALL, with traffic, when you check in to the net. When the net control station (NCS) asks for your traffic, say: I have ## routine message(s) for (City(s) and/or State, if outside of Oregon,) over. The NCS will direct you from there. For CW, send "de YOURCALL, QTC ## (City, State etc.) K. Then wait for direction from the NCS.

Liaison stations will relay your traffic to Section or Region nets for relay. Local nets: Portland Metro, Northwest Oregon Traffic and Training Net on 145.27 MHz (107.2) repeater meets at 18:05 local time, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Traffic routes via the Section or Region Net Liaison as mentioned. Check your local net! Liaison to OSN or the Digital Traffic Network!

It's as simple as that! Contact your Section Traffic Manager for answers to traffic handling questions.

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