

# Outpost Packet Message Manager

An Enabler for Packet Radio  
Emergency Communications

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# Topics

**Outpost Genesis**

**Outpost Evolution**

**Enabling Policies**

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# Outpost Genesis

## The Situation...

- Santa Clara County Operational Area uses packet messaging as a backup to California's internet-based Response Information Management System (RIMS) for collecting city status.
- For Cupertino ARES (CARES), we have very little packet expertise because...
  - the TNC/BBS command learning curve is too great,
  - the frequency of use (drills or hobby) is too infrequent, and
  - the interest in packet radio by CARES members is too low
- Other cities within the county expressed the same situation.



# Outpost Genesis

## Overall Design Goals...

1. Hide the native packet environment complexity; shorten the learning curve
2. Provide an MS Windows-based packet messaging client
3. Automate the packet message handling environment
4. Create a program that behaves like your work or home email client...  
...create, send, receive, read, delete, reply to, or forward messages
5. Support the response efforts and requirements of our local municipalities and served agencies



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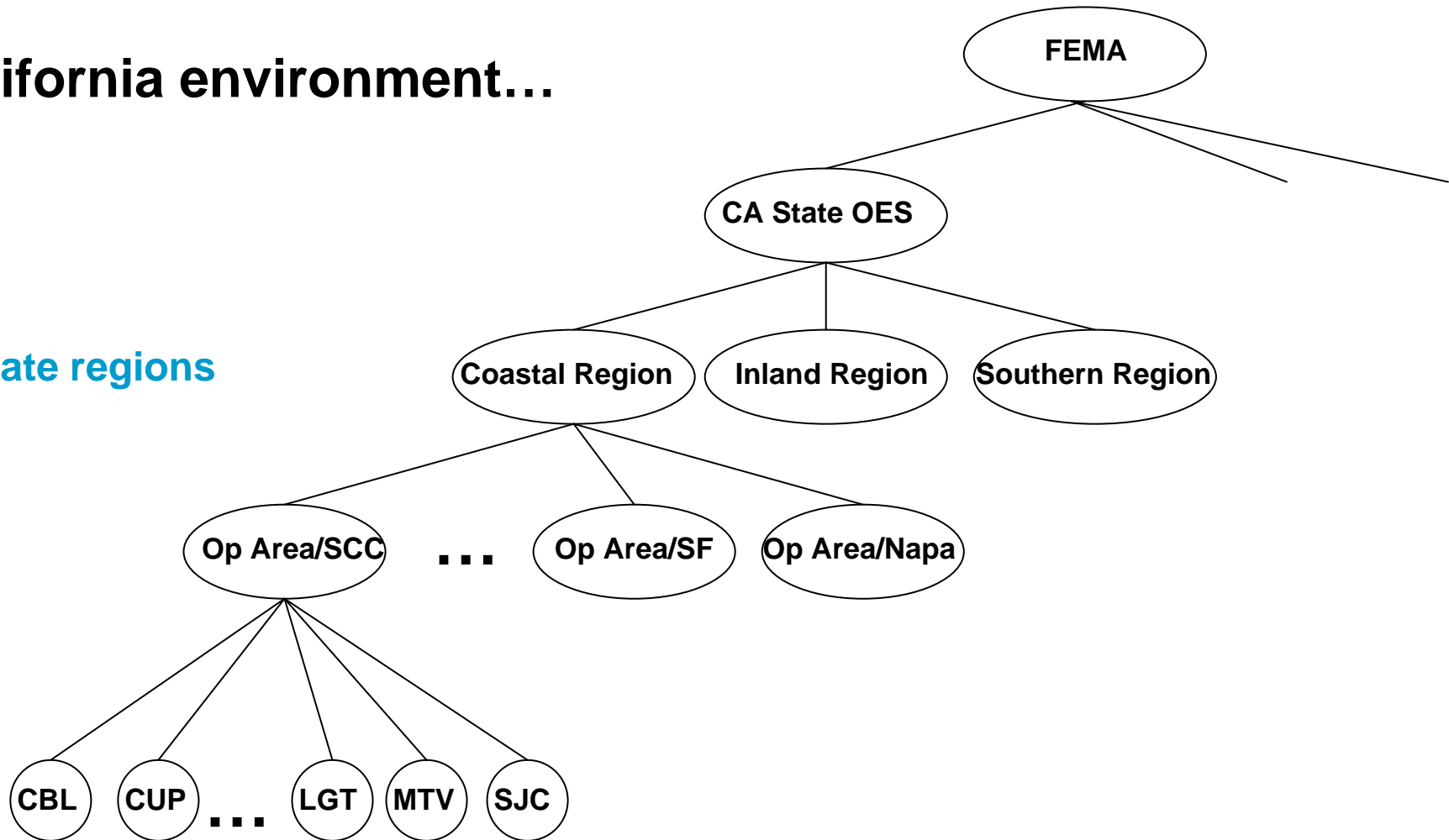
## The California environment...

State OES

Three CA state regions

Counties

Local Level  
towns and  
cities

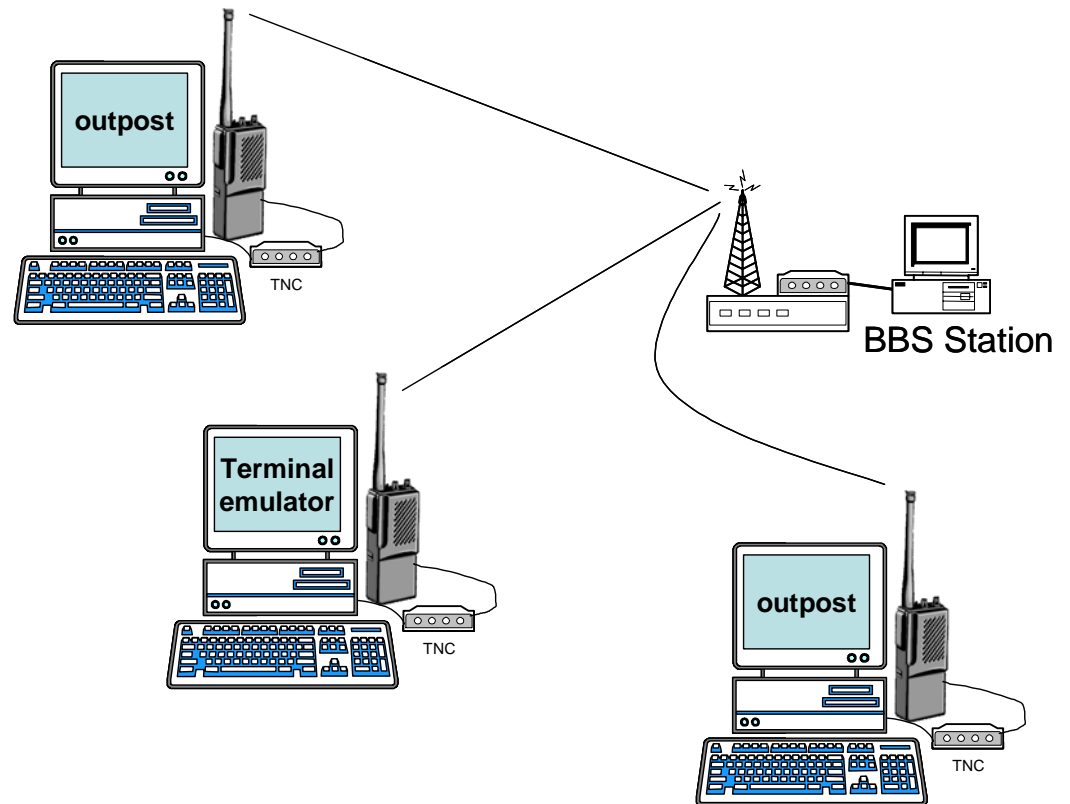


# Outpost Genesis

## Environment

Co-exist within a packet messaging network.

Automate the manual things we do today to send and receive packet messages.



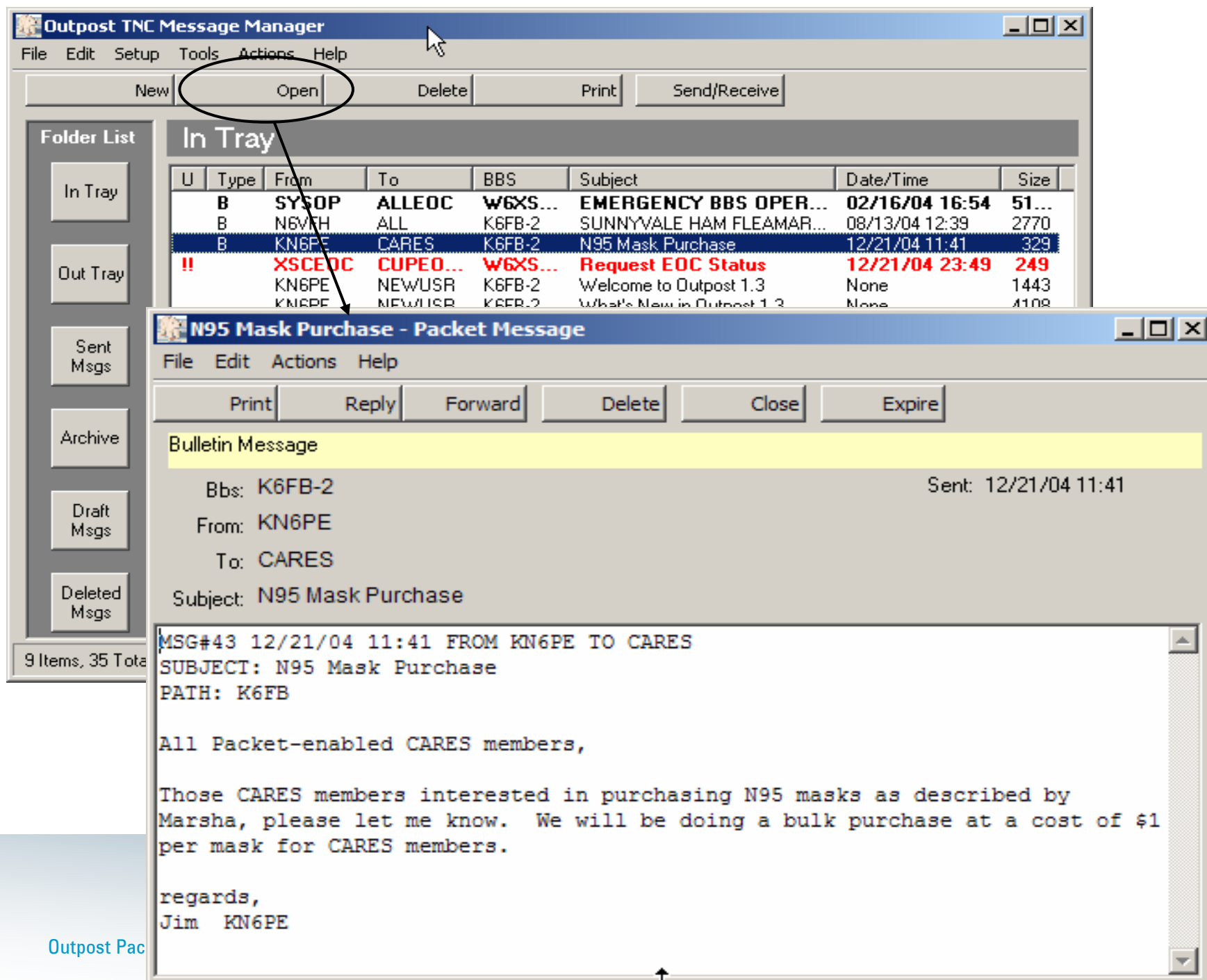
# What is Outpost?

## General Outpost Features

- Message Management
  - Multiple message folders
  - Supports the three primary message types: Private, NTS, and Bulletins
  - Text Formatting in a free-form message window
  - NTS Message Maker with automated ARL message support
  - On-line report builder using report templates
  - Supports Urgent message, Delivery and Read Receipts
- Send/Receive Session Management
  - Supports Serial, AGWPE, and Telnet interfacing to a BBS
  - Automatically controls the sequence for initializing the selected interface, connecting to, and sending messages to and retrieving messages from the BBS
- Configurations and Setups
  - BBS, TNC, and Interfaces – manages a list of BBSs & Interfaces
  - Message Retrieval – choose the message types to be retrieved
  - Send/Receive automation – 3 ways for automatically initiating BBS sessions



# What is Outpost?





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## Mission

The Outpost *Packet Message Manager* program supports the Emergency Communications Packet User community with a contemporary amateur radio packet messaging client that allows users to focus on the message, and not the medium.



# Outpost Evolution

## History

- Commenced Development... November 2002
- v0.95; Beta Release... May 2003
- v1.0; First Release... October 2003
- v1.1; enhanced look and feel... March 2004
- v1.2; on-line reports, MSYS support... May 2004
- v1.3; collaborative messaging... December 2004
- v2.0; AGWPE and telnet support... June 2005
- v2.0.4; NTS extensions, other enhancements... February 2006



# Contributive design

## Outpost Evolution

- **v0.95; First Beta Release, May 2003**
  - Jerry KF6GAC... need BBS access through a digipeater
  - Jim KB9MMC... Different TNC support
- **v1.0; First Release** (+21 enhancements), **October 2003**
- **v1.1; enhanced look and feel** (23 enhancements), **March 2004**
  - Don K9DEB... requested a report builder
  - George W9GWP... add MSYS BBS support, BBS Message Filtering
  - William VE3WPJ... automatically print message on receipt
- **v1.2; on-line reports, MSYS support** (+13 enhancements), **May 2004**
  - Larry KE6AGJ... add urgent message flag
  - George W9GWP... add Hierarchical Destination address support
  - Art N9ZZK... add AEA232 PBBS support
- **v1.3; collaborative messaging** (+26 enhancements), **December 2004**
  - Debbie KF6BKR... Single keystroke controls
  - Bill VE7QC... add Telnet support
  - Larry KE6AJG... send a Read Receipt regardless of what is requested
  - Art N9ZZK... do not display logon form to accommodate automatic logon
- **v2.0; AGWPE and telnet support** (+21 enhancements), **June 2005**
- **v2.0.4; NTS extensions, other enhancements** (14 enhancements), **February 2006**



# Features tend to align to...

## Outpost Evolution

**Environment:** *Definition:* the situation in which we find ourselves.

Each situation is different... how do we adapt the tools we use to our environments?

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**Policy:** *Definition:* a definite course or method of action.

In a community of packet users, what policies do we adopt to ensure order, consistency, and efficiency in what we do?

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**Mission:** *Definition:* the task with which we are charged.

How do we support our served agencies in their efforts to minimize loss of life and property, and speed the recovery?



# Our Environmental situation

- What BBSs do we use to pass messages among ourselves?
- How far away is the BBS?
- What interface methods can I use to access the BBS?
- What is my computing environment?



# Elements of a packet operating policy

1. All stations will identify with a tactical call sign
2. All messages are sent as private messages
3. All messages are uniquely identified
4. All messages are as short as possible
5. All stations will poll the BBS on a periodic basis
6. All stations will poll for specific message types
7. All message traffic becomes part of the official event documentation package



# Mission support

- Understanding the mission and purpose of the agencies we serve.
- Ensure our mission supports our served agencies.
- What our served agencies need from us...
  - Message traffic
  - Documentation
  - Audit trail



# Policy #1: Tactical Calls

## Implementation #1

**Definition:** a call sign that identifies a tactical location; is operator-neutral allowing the operators to change, without having the assignment name change.

### Implementation #1:

Supports modified AA4RE BBS; connect with FCC call, prompts for a Tactical Call

In Santa Clara County, cities are assigned Tactical Calls like these:

- CUPEOC City of Cupertino
- MTVEOC City Mountain View
- SJCEOC City of San Jose
- XSCEOC Santa Clara County EOC

Works great!... but relies on a very old HW and OS platform.

Select a BBS

BBS Name | BBS Prompts | BBS Commands | Message Formatting

Prompts

Command: W6SJC > ☐ Tactical Call required

Tactical Call:

Subj Prompt:

Msg Prompt:

Advanced

Unique text displayed by the BBS after Outpost sends a message: W6SJC >

Unique text displayed by the BBS after Outpost receives a message: W6SJC >

Default

OK Cancel Apply





# Policy #1: Tactical Calls

Implementation #2

Planned for v2.0.6

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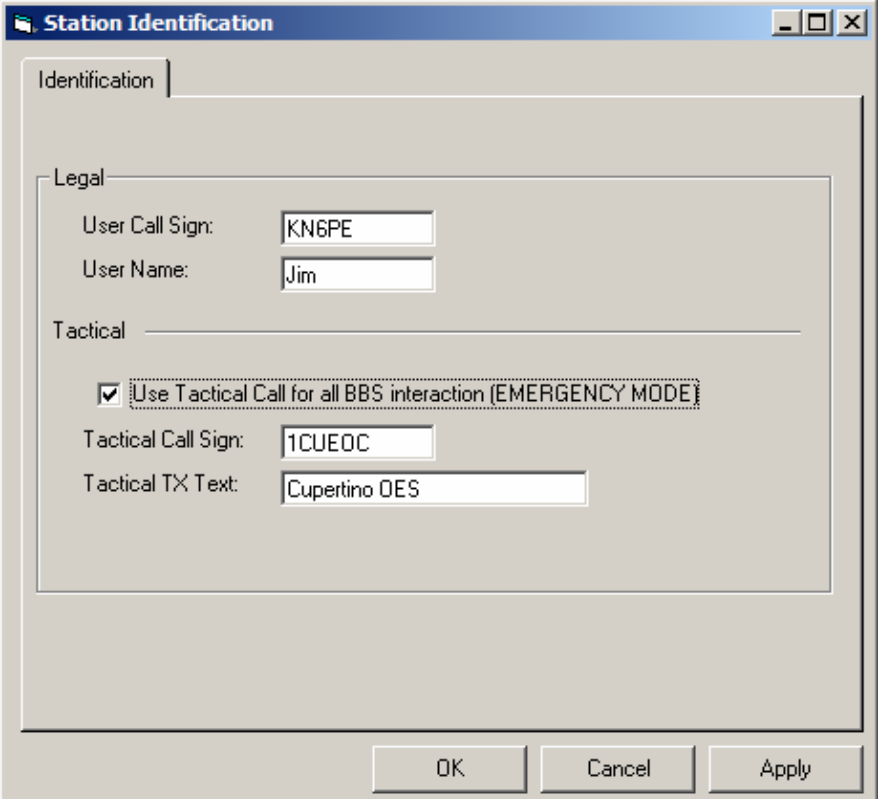
## Implementation #2:

No readily available and supported BBS offers native support for tactical calls.

The v2.0.6 approach supports most BBSs; connect with the Tactical Call; Outpost manages the legal identifier.

For the Santa Clara County Hospital System, hospitals are assigned Tactical Calls such as:

- 1MVECH Mountain View El Camino Hospital
- 1PASMCM Palo Alto Stanford Medical Center
- 1SJVMC San Jose Valley Medical Center
- 1SJGSH San Jose Good Samaritan Hospital



Station Identification

Identification

Legal

User Call Sign: KN6PE

User Name: Jim

Tactical

☒ Use Tactical Call for all BBS interaction (EMERGENCY MODE)

Tactical Call Sign: 1CUEOC

Tactical TX Text: Cupertino OES

OK Cancel Apply



# Policy #1: Tactical Calls

## Implementation #2

**Definition:** a call sign that identifies a tactical location; is operator-neutral allowing the operators to change, without having the assignment name change.

### Implementation #2:

Is it legal?

- AX.25 extended address field contains source and destination call sign
- Outpost uses the TNC's "my call" command to set the Tactical Call as the station identifier.
- The selected Tactical Call needs to be a sufficiently valid call sign to "fool" the BBS's call sign checking logic
- Outpost sends a "Legal Identifier String" that satisfies FCC Part 97.119

```
1CUEOC>W6SJC-1: <<C>>:  
W6SJC-1>1CUEOC: <<UA>>:  
W6SJC-1>1CUEOC: <<I00>>:  
[FBB-7.04]-AB1FHMRX$]
```

```
Hello Jim,  
Welcome to The San Jose EOC Mailbox
```

```
W6SJC >
```

```
1CUEOC>W6SJC-1: <<I01>>:  
LM
```

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W6SJC-1>1CUEOC: <<I11>>:  
*** : Nothing found  
*** : TO Field Filter is set to:- [ * ]
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```
W6SJC >
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1CUEOC>W6SJC-1: <<I12>>:  
B
```

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W6SJC-1>1CUEOC: <<I22>>:
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73 Jim,
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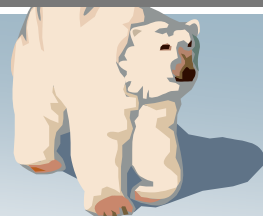
```
W6SJC-1>1CUEOC: <<D>>:  
1CUEOC>W6SJC-1: <<I23>>:
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StationID=KN6PE, TacCall=1CUEOC, Cupertino OES
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1CUEOC>W6SJC-1: <<I33>>:
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1CUEOC>W6SJC-1: <<I43>>:
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1CUEOC>W6SJC-1: <<UA>>:
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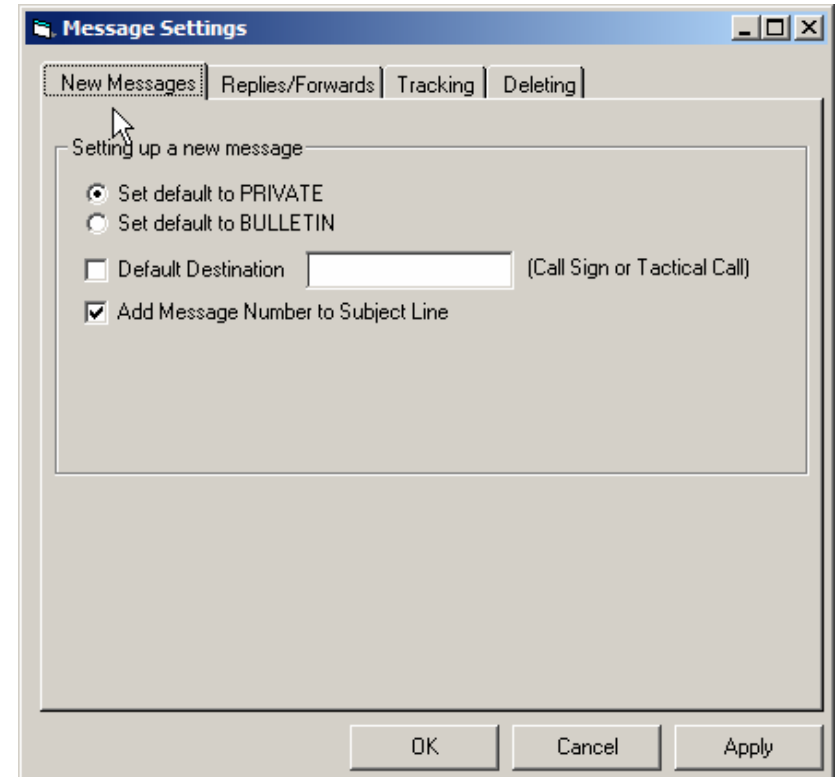


# Policy #2: Send Private Messages

**Policy:** Private messages are addressed to a specific station and retrievable only by that station. Private messages should be sent when the message is intended for one other station.

## **Implementation:**

- A Private message policy contributes to lower channel traffic by ensuring only the intended station retrieves the message.
- Option to set the default message type to either private or public.
- Option can be overridden at message create time.



# Policy #3: Unique Message Identification

**Policy:** Each packet message sent within the operational area must be uniquely identified. Replies to messages must reference the message identifier.

## Implementation:

- Unique identifiers are generated by each Outpost station based on the entered Report Settings
- When enabled, the next “Message Number” or “Tactical\_ID + Message Number” is placed in the subject line.
- Subject line can be appended to or overwritten at message create time.

The image displays three overlapping windows from the Outpost Packet Message Manager 2.0.4 software:

- Message Settings:** The "New Messages" tab is active. The checkbox "Add Message Number to Subject Line" is checked and circled in red.
- Report Settings:** The "Report Variables" section shows "Next Message Number" set to 190 (circled in red). Other fields include Organization: Cupertino OES, City: Cupertino, County: Santa Clara, State/Prov (2 char): CA, Tactical Location: Cupertino EOC Radio Room, Tactical ID (3 char): CUP (circled in red), and Tactical TX Text: Cupertino OES.
- New Packet Message:** The "Private Message" tab is active. The "Subject" field contains "CUP190: Availability of N95 Masks". Arrows point from the circled "190" in Report Settings and the circled "CUP" in Report Settings to the "CUP190" part of the subject line.

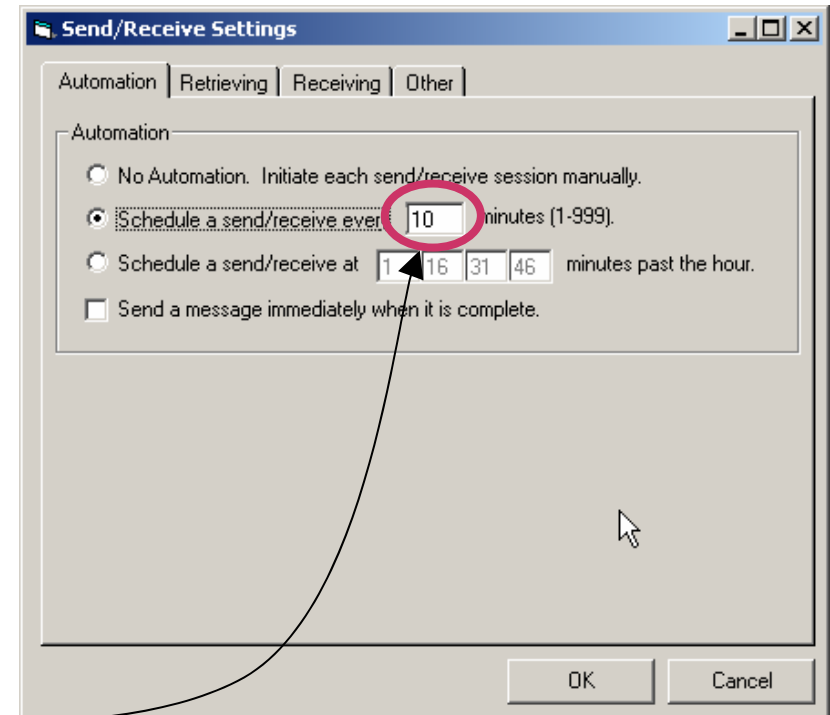


# Policy #5: BBS polling period

**Policy:** Each packet station should poll the BBS at a rate sufficient for timely message retrieval without creating excessive channel congestion.

## Implementation #1:

- *Example:* Santa Clara County has about 15 stations and 3 BBS access frequencies.
- A periodic polling every “X” minutes is established and allows for unattended operation.
- Consideration should be given to...
  - the number of stations requiring access to the BBS on a given frequency, and
  - the phase of the emergency (for instance: heavy traffic: longer period... light traffic, shorter period).

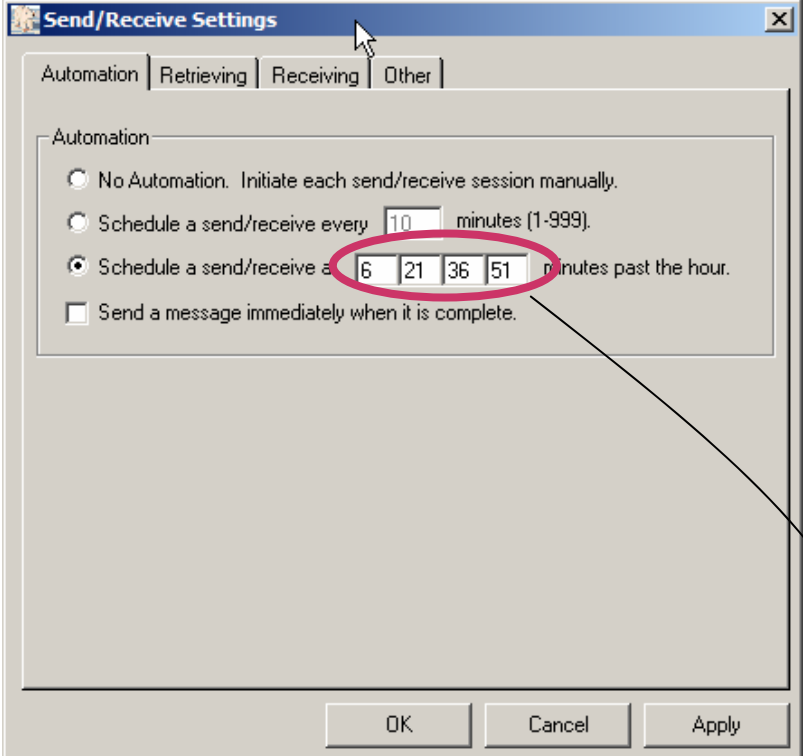


# Policy #5: BBS polling period

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## Implementation #2:

- *Example:* Santa Clara County Hospital has 14 regional hospitals and 1 BBS access frequency.
- One or more specific polling slots (minutes within an hour) are assigned to each hospital packet station.
- Considerations...
  - all PC clocks need to be set to the same time (voice net coordination).
  - Quality of the connection (extent of retries)



Send/Receive Settings

Automation | Retrieving | Receiving | Other

Automation

☐ No Automation. Initiate each send/receive session manually.

☐ Schedule a send/receive every 10 minutes (1-999).

☒ Schedule a send/receive a 6 21 36 51 minutes past the hour.

☐ Send a message immediately when it is complete.

OK Cancel Apply

Station	minutes past the hour			
1MVECH	0	15	30	45
1PASMV	1	16	31	46
1SJVMC	6	21	36	51
:				
1SJGSH	14	29	44	59

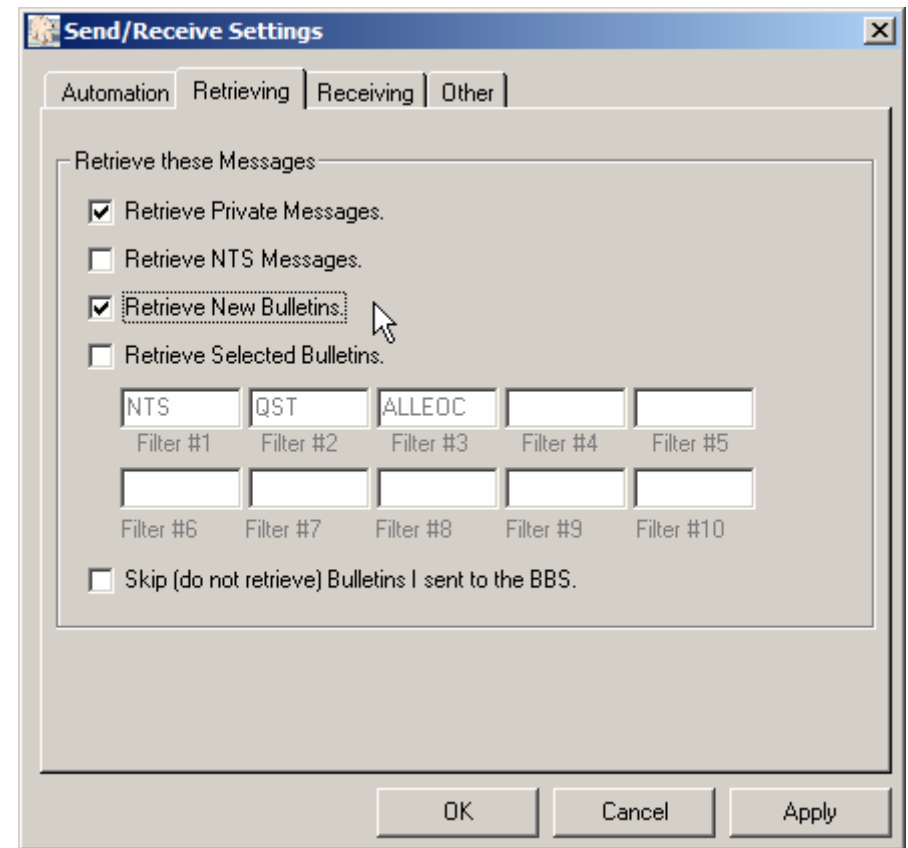


# Policy #6: Poll for message types

**Policy:** All stations will poll for specific message types. This approach also reduces channel congestion.

**Implementation:**

- Select the message types that will be sent within your operational area
  - Private messages: between 2 stations
  - NTS messages: standard ARRL protocol
  - Bulletins: all broadcast messages
  - Selected Bulletins: specific messages found on a public bulletin board

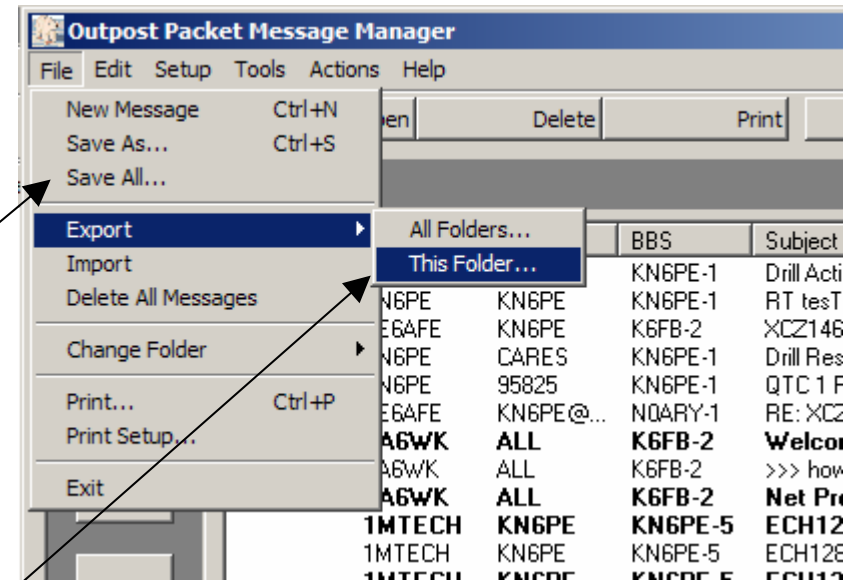


# Policy #7: Documentation

**Policy:** All message traffic becomes part of the official event documentation package.

## **Implementation:**

- Message archiving...
  - Save All: writes a single text file of all messages, with embedded Form Feeds
  - Archive: writes one or more folders to an Outpost archive file. Can be re-imported later if required
- Message audit report (ER #416)





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# Mission support: Message origination

**Requirement:** Originate messages based on the content and format of our served agencies.

**Implementation:**

- **Direct entry** with cntl-Tab formatting
- Cut-and-paste from other apps
- NTS Message Maker
- On-line report builder
- Import text from a file

**New Packet Message**

File Edit Actions Help

Print Send Save Close Urg Pvt Bul NTS

Private Message; Delivery Receipt Requested

Bbs: W6XSC-1

From: CUPEOC

To: XSCEOC

Subject: Status of Cupertino EOC

The following operating positions are staffing at the EOC:

Director Emergency Services	Dave Knapp	777-1234
Planning/Intel Section	Bob Knight	777-2345
Logistics Section	Ken Smith	777-3456
Operations Section	Bill Wright	777-4567
Finance Section	Trudy Collins	777-5678

All phone numbers are in the 408 area code.

Jim O KN6PE



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Microsoft Excel - Shelter Requirements.xls

File Edit View Insert Format Tools Data Window Help

Arial 10 B I U

A1 = Item Number

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Item Num	Description	On Hand	Units	Qty needed	Req Date	Req Time
2	1	cots	30	ea	25	18-Mar	18:00
3	2	blankets	45	ea	15	18-Mar	18:00
4	3	water, 12 oz bottles	200	bottles	100	19-Mar	12:00
5	4	First Aid kits	3	kits	12	ASAP	
6	5	Toilet paper	50	rolls	250	19-Mar	12:00
7	6	tooth brushes	10	ea	50	ASAP	

New Packet Message

File Edit Actions Help

Print Send Save Close Urg Pvt Bul NTS

Urgent, Private Message

Bbs: W6XSC-1

From: CUPEOC

To: XSCEOC

Subject: Shelter Material Requirements

Please send the following material to out shelter:

Item Number	Description	On Hand	Units	Qty needed	Req Date	Req Time
1	cots	30	ea	25	18-Mar	18:00
2	blankets	45	ea	15	18-Mar	18:00
3	water, 12 oz bottles	200	bottles	100	19-Mar	12:00
4	First Aid kits	3	kits	12	ASAP	
5	Toilet paper	50	rolls	250	19-Mar	12:00
6	tooth brushes	10	ea	50	ASAP	
7	tooth paste	5	ea	55	ASAP	
8	note pads	0	ea	25	19-Mar	18:00
9	pencils	0	ea	25	19-Mar	18:00
10	MRE	10		300	18-Mar	18:00



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- **NTS Message Maker**
  - Create...
- On-line report builder
- Import text from a file

The screenshot shows the 'NTS Message Maker' application window. It has a menu bar with 'File' and 'Edit'. Below the menu bar are buttons for 'ARL Msg', 'Check', 'Save', 'Clear Msg', and 'Cancel'. The window is divided into several sections:

- Preamble:** Contains fields for 'Msg No:' (183), 'Precedence:' (R, with a note '(R, W, P, E)'), 'Handling Instr: HX', 'Station of Origin:' (KN6PE), 'ARL Message:' (checkbox), 'Check:' (checkbox), 'Place of Origin:' (Cupertino, CA), 'Time of Origin:' (22:13), and 'Date of Origin:' (Feb 06).
- Destination Address:** Contains fields for 'Name:' (Dave Larson), 'Call Sign:', 'Address:' (5304 East Ranch Road), 'City:' (SACRAMENTO), 'State/Prov:' (CA), 'Zip/Postal:' (95825), and 'Phone No:' (916, 555, 1212).
- Message:** A text area containing the message: 'Cannot attend the meeting this week. All airports are closed. Please advise the repeater committee that the project is almost complete.'
- Signature:** A text field containing 'Jim KN6PE'.

At the bottom of the window, it says 'Ready for NTS message entry'.



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  - **Create... Check...**
- On-line report builder
- Import text from a file

NTS Message Maker

File Edit

ARL Msg **Check** Save Clear Msg Cancel

Preamble

Msg No: 183

Precedence: R (R, W, P, E)

Handling Instr: HX

Station of Origin: KN6PE

ARL Message: ☐

Check: 23

Place of Origin: Cupertino, CA

Time of Origin: 22:13

Date of Origin: Feb 06

Destination Address

Name: Dave Larson

Call Sign:

Address: 5304 East Ranch Road

City: SACRAMENTO

State/Prov: CA Zip/Postal: 95825

Phone No: 916 555 1212

Message

Cannot attend the meeting this week X All airports are closed X Please advise the repeater committee that the project

Signature

Jim KN6PE

Message looks good!



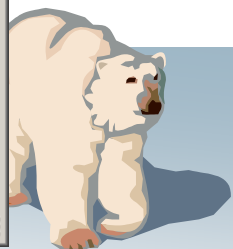
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  - **Create... Check... Save**
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The image shows two overlapping windows from the Outpost Packet Message Manager 2.0.4 software. The top window, titled "NTS Message Maker", has a menu bar with "File" and "Edit". Below the menu bar are buttons for "ARL Msg", "Check", "Save", "Clear Msg", and "Cancel". The "Save" button is circled in red. The window is divided into two main sections. The left section, labeled "Preamble", contains fields for "Msg No:" (183), "Precedence:" (R, with a note "(R, W, P, E)"), "Handling Instr: HX", "Station of Origin: KN6PE", "ARL Message:" (checkbox), "Check:" (23), "Place of Origin: Cupertino, CA", and "Time of Origin: 22:13". The right section, labeled "Destination Address", contains fields for "Name: Dave Larson", "Call Sign:", "Address: 5304 East Ranch Road", "City: SACRAMENTO", "State/Prov: CA", "Zip/Postal: 95825", and "Phone No: 916 555 1212". The bottom window, titled "New Packet Message", has a menu bar with "File", "Edit", "Actions", and "Help". Below the menu bar are buttons for "Print", "Send", "Save", "Delete", "Close", and a group of buttons for "Urg", "Pvt", "Bul", and "NTS". The window contains a text area with the following text: "NTS Message", "Bbs: KN6PE-1", "From: KN6PE", "To: 95825@NTSCA", "Subject: QTC 1 R SACRAMENTO CA (916-555)", "Nr 183 R KN6PE 23 Cupertino, CA 22:13 Feb 06", "BT", "Dave Larson", "5304 East Ranch Road", "SACRAMENTO, CA 95825", "(916)555-1212", "BT", "Cannot attend the meeting this", "week X All airports are", "closed X Please advise the", "repeater committee that the project", "is almost complete.", "BT", "Jim KN6PE".



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**Implementation:**

- Direct entry (with cntl-Tab formatting)
- Cut-and-paste from other apps
- **NTS Message Maker (ARL support)**
- On-line report builder
- Import text from a file

The screenshot displays the NTS Message Maker application interface. The main window has a menu bar with 'File' and 'Edit'. Below the menu bar are buttons for 'ARL Msg', 'Check', 'Save', 'Clear Msg', and 'Cancel'. The 'Preamble' section contains fields for 'Msg No:' (184), 'Precedence:' (R), 'Handling Instr: HX', 'Station of Origin:' (KN6PE), 'ARL Message:' (checkbox), 'Check:' (checkbox), 'Place of Origin:' (Cupertino, CA), 'Time of Origin:' (21:17), and 'Date of Origin:' (Feb 08). The 'Destination Address' section is on the right. An 'ARL Message Wizard' dialog box is open, showing 'Message Type' (ROUTINE) and 'ARL Number' (SIXTY FIVE). It includes a text area with the prompt 'Arriving <Location> on <Flight No/Train No/etc>. Please arrange to meet me there.' and 'Next' and 'Previous' buttons. An 'ARL Message Information' dialog box is also open, prompting 'Enter the information for "Location"...' with 'San Jose' entered in the text field. Arrows indicate the flow from the 'ARL Msg' button to the wizard, then to the information dialog, and finally to the 'Message' field in the main window. The 'Message' field contains the text 'ARL SIXTY FIVE San Jose HA 44 X'. Below the message field is a 'Signature' field and a status bar that reads 'Ready for NTS message entry'.

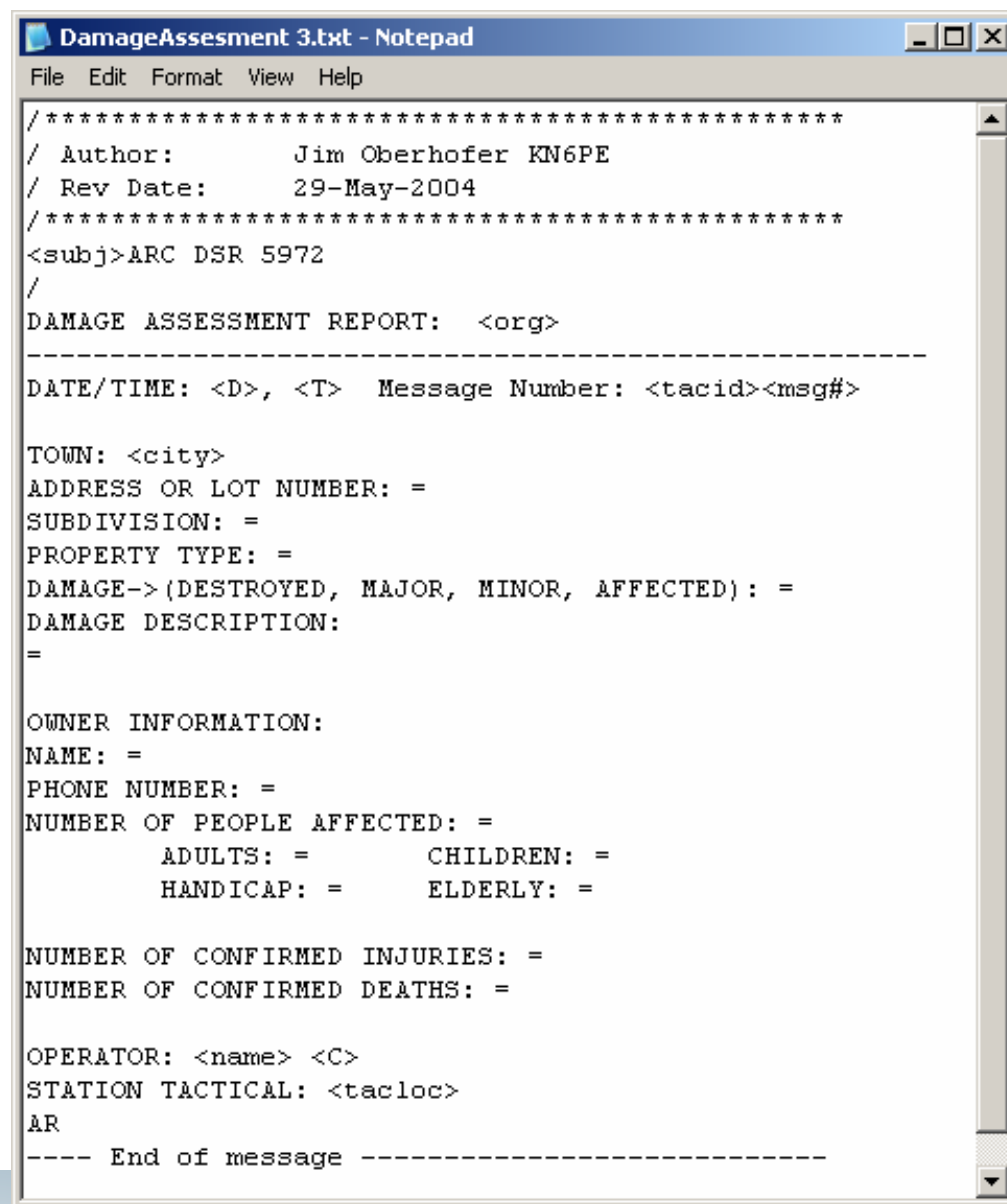


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- On-line report builder
  - Reports...
- Import text from a file



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DamageAssesment 3.txt - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help

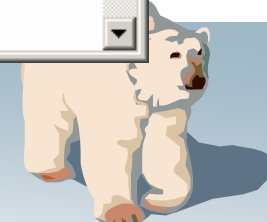
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/ Author:      Jim Oberhofer KN6PE
/ Rev Date:    29-May-2004
/*****/
<subj>ARC DSR 5972
/
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT REPORT:  <org>
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DATE/TIME: <D>, <T>  Message Number: <tacid><msg#>

TOWN: <city>
ADDRESS OR LOT NUMBER: =
SUBDIVISION: =
PROPERTY TYPE: =
DAMAGE->(DESTROYED, MAJOR, MINOR, AFFECTED): =
DAMAGE DESCRIPTION:
=

OWNER INFORMATION:
NAME: =
PHONE NUMBER: =
NUMBER OF PEOPLE AFFECTED: =
      ADULTS: =      CHILDREN: =
      HANDICAP: =      ELDERLY: =

NUMBER OF CONFIRMED INJURIES: =
NUMBER OF CONFIRMED DEATHS: =

OPERATOR: <name> <C>
STATION TACTICAL: <tacloc>
AR
----- End of message -----
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- Cut-and-paste from other apps
- NTS Message Maker
- On-line report builder
  - Reports... Tags...
- Import text from a file

Tag	Description
<D>, <date1>	mm/dd/yy (5/21/04).
<date2>	dd-mmm-yyyy (21-May-2004)
<T>, <time>	hh:mm (22:45)
<M>, <msg#>	Message Number; from Report Settings
<C>, <call>	Call, as entered at the Station ID form
<name>	Name, as entered at the Station ID form
<bbs>	BBS name; current BBS
<subj>text	Places "text" on subject line
<org>	Organization; from Report Settings
<city>	City name; from Report Settings
<county>	County name; from Report Settings
<state>	
<province>	
<tacloc>	
<tacid>	
<text1, 2, 3>	
=	
/ comment	

**Report Settings**

Report Variables:

Next Message Number: 211

Organization: CARES

City: Cupertino

County: Santa Clara County

State/Prov (2 char): CA

Tactical Location: EOC Radio Room

Tactical ID (3 char): CMV

Text Variable #1: Cupertino OES

Text Variable #2:

Text Variable #3:

OK Cancel

# Mission support: Message origination

**Requirement:** Originate messages based on the content and format of our served agencies.

**Implementation:**

- Direct entry (with cntl-Tab formatting)
- Cut-and-paste from other apps
- NTS Message Maker
- On-line report builder
  - Reports... Tags... Processing
- Import text from a file

New Packet Message

File Edit Actions Help

Print Send Save Close Urg Pvt Bul NTS

Private Message

Bbs: W6XSC-1

From: CUPEOC

To:

Subject: ARC DSR 5972

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT REPORT: CARES

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DATE/TIME: 12/26/04, 11:40 Message Number: CMV211

TOWN: Cupertino

ADDRESS OR LOT NUMBER: =

SUBDIVISION: =

PROPERTY TYPE: =

DAMAGE->(DESTROYED, MAJOR, MINOR, AFFECTED): =

DAMAGE DESCRIPTION: =

OWNER INFORMATION:

NAME: =

PHONE NUMBER: =

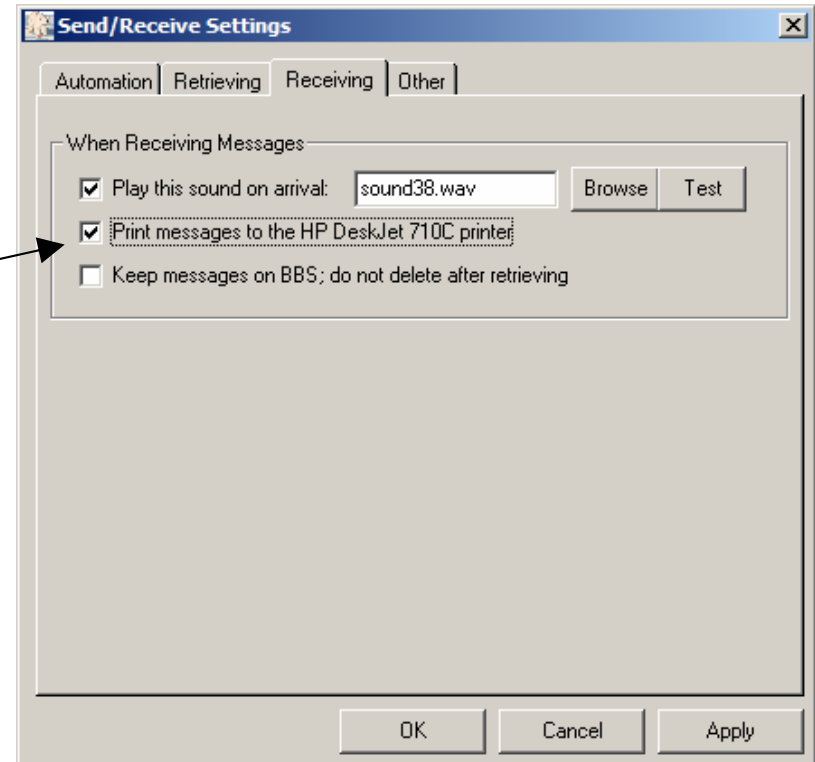


# Mission support: Documentation

**Requirement:** All packet message traffic must be submitted to the EOC for disposition.

**Implementation:**

- Incoming message distribution
- Outgoing message printing record keeping, specify # copies (ER #521)

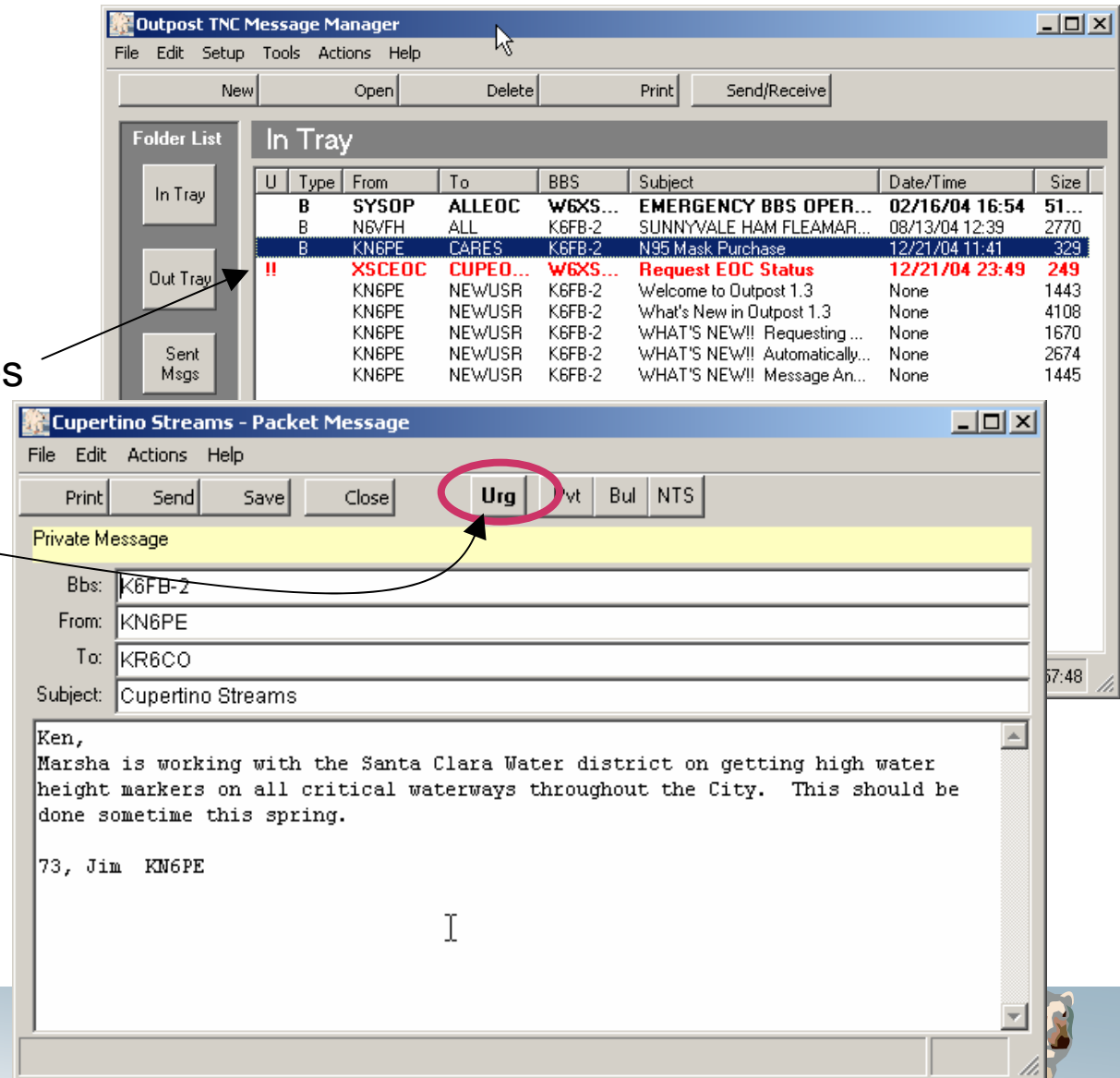


# Mission support: Message Alerts

**Requirement:** Prioritize traffic according to the needs of our served agencies. Identify priority traffic on its arrival.

**Implementation:**

- Identify incoming urgent messages
- Set message priorities for outgoing messages



# Users are critical to Outpost's success

1. Find and report bugs
2. Best source of enhancements
3. Come up with creative ideas on using it
  - Windows '95
  - zip files!



# What's Next

## **V2.0.6, Summer 2006**

- Enhanced Packet Network Support
  - KA-Node, NET/ROM routing
- Generic Tactical Calls

## **V2.1**

- Attachments
- Winlink client support



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**Questions?**

