

Your assignment is to take one of the three messages found below and deliver the essential, and only the essential, information to net control (or to where net control designates) via radio. You will use the ARES modified form of ICS-213 found here:

You MAY NOT use, verbatim, any of the example messages provided by KG6LRP below. Make up your own shortened version. While redrafting the message remember that you are trying to be concise and accurate. Only send what the receiver really needs to do their job. But make sure that what you send will only be interpreted in the proper manner. Remove extraneous information, remove superfluous words, but retain enough that there is no mistaking the who, what, where, when (and sometimes why) of the information being sent or the action being requested.

As you look at the KG6LRP examples, ask yourself, "What assumptions did he make that let him reduce the word count and change the mode of expression?" "Were these good assumptions or did he over reach?"

Message One

The water main is broken at 2nd Street and Pine Street. There is a huge amount of water everywhere and it threatens the shelter at Sunnyside Elementary School. We need diversion sand bags and workers immediately to prevent a disaster. We also need the water department to turn off the water mains as soon as possible.

Word Count 56

Message Two

The front of the CVS Pharmacy at the intersection of Main and Elm has collapsed. There is glass every where. There are four people on the ground outside the building who need medical attention. The building is unsafe for entry. The manager says there may be as many as 15 people trapped in the building. We can hear screaming from inside.

Word Count 61

Message Three

At the Burnside School shelter a tree has fallen on the supply buildings leaving them with no usable first aid supplies, cots, blankets, food or water. They currently have 42 evacuees and 6 staff at the shelter. We need replacements immediately for the shelter to meet the survival needs of all concerned.

Word Count 52

Potential reduction:

Message One

Water main break Second and Pine Threatens Sunnyside shelter. Need Sandbags and workers and water off ASAP.

Word Count 17

Message Two

CVS Main and Elm front collapse. Four known casualties need medical help. Building unstable. Fifteen people may be trapped inside.

Word Count 20

or

CVS front collapse. Four need medical. Building unstable. Fifteen trapped.

Word Count 10

Message Three

Burnside shelter supplies destroyed. Urgently need replacement first aid, cots, blankets, food and water for 42 evacuees and 6 staff.

Word Count 20

or

Burnside needs all supplies 48 people.

Word Count 6

or if the message originated at Burnside

Need all supplies 48 people.

Word Count 5