MESSAGE FORM

▶ **Use Ballpoint Pen; Print Clearly**
(See Page 2 for instructions)

When Receiving [2] Msg.: Sender's msg. #	Msg. #	When Sending Msg. [3] Receiver's msg. #

Date: (MM/DD/YY) [1] ____/____/____ Time: (24 hour clock) _____ **0001 to 2400** 2:00 PM = (12+2) = 1400 Hrs	Situation Severity (✓one) [4] ☐ EMERGENCY (e.g., Life Threat) ☐ URGENT (e.g., Property Threat) ☐ OTHER (All others)	Msg. Handling Order (✓one) [5] ☐ IMMEDIATE (As Soon as Possible) ☐ PRIORITY (Less Than One Hour) ☐ ROUTINE (More Than One Hour)	Message Requests You To: [6] TAKE ACTION (✓one) ☐ Yes ☐ No REPLY (✓one) ☐ Yes, by_____ ☐ No ☐ FOR YOUR INFO. (no action required)

To:	ICS Position: (required) [7]	From:	ICS Position: (required) [8]
	Location: (required) [9]		Location: (required) [9]
	Name: (optional)		Name: (optional)
	Telephone #:(optional)		Telephone #: (optional)

SUBJECT: [10] _____

REFERENCE (e.g., Number of earlier msg.): [11] _____

Message: [12] (what, when, where needed; how long; contact name and phone number) **KEEP MSG BRIEF**

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ACTION TAKEN: [13] (For use by Originator / Recipient) ▶ **USE SEPARATE MESSAGE FORM IF SENDING REPLY!**

CC:	☐ Management	☐ Operations	☐ Planning	☐ Logistics	☐ Finance

Operator Use Only: [14.]

How Received ☐ or Sent ☐ (✓one)	Operator Call Sign:
☐ Telephone ☐ Dispatch Center	Operator Name:
☐ EOC Radio ☐ FAX ☐ Courier	
☐ Amateur Radio ☐ Other _____	Date: Time:

Outgoing (Sent): [15]
   Message Originator: Send original plus 1 copy to Radio, send 1 copy to Planning, and keep 1 copy for your reference.
   Radio: After sending, complete Disposition info on all, retain original for file in Radio.
Incoming (Received): [15]
   Radio: After receiving, complete Disposition info on all, route the original to the Addressee, send 1 copy to Planning, and keep 1 copy for file in Radio.
   Addressee: Take appropriate action.

ICS Form 213

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THE MESSAGE FORM

1. **Date and Time**: When receiving or sending any message, complete the date and time (in the format shown) in the top upper left of the form.

2. **When Receiving Message**: note the sending organization's message number in the box labeled "When Receiving Msg.", located to the left of the Msg. # at the top right of the message form. *(Normally entered by radio operator)*

3. **When Sending Message**: obtain the receiving organization's message number, and record this in the "When Sending Msg." box located to the right of the Msg. # at the top right of the message form. *(Normally entered by radio operator)*

4. **Situation Severity**: indicate the Severity of the message - For example, is it a life threat, a property threat, or just information?

5. **Message Handling Order:** indicate the handling order of the message, (Immediate: As Soon As Possible; Priority: Less than an Hour; Routine: More Than an Hour).

6. **Message Requests You To**: state what the message type is - for example: is the sender expecting the county OES to "Take Action", to "Reply", or "For Your Information".

7. **TO: ICS Position**: state the ICS position to which the message is to be delivered. This will generally be *Command*, or one of the Section Chiefs (e.g., *Operations*, *Planning*, *Logistics*, *Finance/Admin*.). If unsure, address the message to *Planning*.

8. **From: ICS Position**: indicate what ICS position is sending the message - you also can note a name, but an ICS position is needed since the person staffing the position may change.

9. **Locations**: enter the location of the addressee in the "**To**" box and the location of the sender in the "**From**" box (for example, To: Sherman EOC, From: Grayson County EOC).

10. **Subject**: Note the subject of the message (e.g., Request for Type 5 Engine Strike Team).

11. **Reference**: If the message is a response to an earlier message, indicate the original message number if available.

12. **Message**: If the message is a request for support, supply detailed instructions about what, when, how long needed and where the support is to be delivered, contact person and phone number. Be as brief as possible.

13. **Action Taken**: This section is for use of the message originator or recipient to record pertinent information regarding action taken in response to the message. (e.g., "Request for Type 5 Engine Strike Team passed to Region on OASIS Net."). Space is also provided to indicate copy to other ICS positions that may need the information.

14. **Operator Use**: The person who handled the message is to record the net used in the area at the bottom of the message form and records the name and call sign in the appropriate box. If the message is being sent, the date and time that the message actually was sent is to be noted in the relevant box.

15. **Forms Disposition**: Once the message is complete, copies of the message are distributed according to the script shown. If the message is an **EMERGENCY** message, it should be placed in the hands of the shift supervisor. For other messages, it is permissible to place the message in the appropriate message box slot.