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Subject: Outpost upgrade notice

ATTENTION: ECs, AECs, MACs and other SCCo Packet Users

Starting in January, the Santa Clara County packet network will undergo a series of enhancements which will dramatically improve functionality, performance, reliability and survivability of the packet network. The first phase of enhancements will be part of the next quarterly drill in January. We will be sending out more details soon.

All Outpost users: Upgrade to at least version 2.3.0 c30.

In order to function properly with the new network backbone, all Outpost users will need to upgrade Outpost to the latest version. The latest version includes an important fix to a problem with message dates. If you do not upgrade, your messages will be received with a date in the 1990s, making it hard for the receiving end to prioritize your messages (not to mention making it obvious that you didn't perform the upgrade).

We recommend that you complete the upgrade before the end of 2009. We will be sending out some configuration instructions in early January so you need to have the upgrade completed by then. In particular, be sure to upgrade your city EOC packet station because it will be needed for the quarterly drill in January.

To upgrade:

- 1) Go to the Outpost website at <http://outpostpm.org>
- 2) Scroll down and read the "Downloads and Updates" section.
- 3) Download the "Outpost v2.3 Full Install"
- 4) If you have previously installed Outpost v2.2.2 or earlier, you must UNINSTALL that version first, before installing the new version.
- 5) Run the v2.3 installer.
- 6) Verify connectivity

To verify connectivity:

It's easy to verify connectivity by sending a message to yourself:

- Tune to 144.910
- Setup > BBS > BBS Name: K6SNY-1
- Create a new message
 - BBS: K6SNY-1
 - From: <your-call-sign>
 - To: <your-call-sign>
 - Subject: upgrade test
 - Message: whatever you want
 - Press Send
- Then Send/Receive

You should get your own message back. If you can't reach K6SNY-1, you can use a similar procedure with your favorite bulletin board. You are also encouraged to continue to verify operation on a weekly basis by participating in the weekly packet check-ins that are part of the SPECS and SVECS nets.

Stay Tuned:

More information about the network enhancements will be forthcoming in early January. So stay tuned!

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