

# Packet Network Update

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**From:** Santa Clara County ARES/RACES Packet Committee

**Subject:** Packet Network Update – General Release of SCCo Packet Installer v140

**Attention:** All Santa Clara County Packet Users

This Packet Network Update contains important information which affects your ability to access and use the county packet network. This update covers the following topics:

- General Release of SCCo Packet Installer v140
  - Outpost Changes
  - PacFORMS Changes
- Action Item Summary for ALL Packet Users
- Questions / comments / concerns

Please read this information thoroughly, take any required or recommended actions, and pass along to any packet users in your local area.

## General Release of SCCo Packet Installer v140

SCCo Packet Installer version 140 has moved from pre-release to general release status. It is now the standard installer for use by all Santa Clara County Packet BBS Service users. The changes are summarized below.

### Outpost Changes

The only change to Outpost between v139 and v140 is the addition of the new OA Shelter Status form in the Forms menu.

### PacFORMS Changes

The following changes to PacFORMS are included in this release.

#### **New OA Shelter Status Form**

This form is typically be sent from a shelter to the city EOC. It could also be used by a city EOC to report status of its shelter(s) to the county/operational area.

## Action Item Summary for ALL Packet Users

The use of the integrated SCCo Packet Installer version 140 is now standard for all Santa Clara County BBS users. All users are expected to upgrade as soon as possible.

- 1) Visit the software download page:
  - <http://www.scc-ares-races.org/data/packet/client-software.html>
- 2) Review all the information there and follow the instructions to download and run the installer
- 3) Perform basic setup or verification
  - Setup > Identification (Enter/verify call sign, name, message number prefix)
  - Setup > Interface (Select/verify your TNC from the pull-down menu)
  - Setup > BBS (Select/verify your BBS from the pull-down menu)
- 4) Send and receive a test message to yourself
- 5) IMPORTANT: Review any other user-created configurations (profiles, TNC setups, BBS setups). Update any user-created profiles to the new SCCo defaults, such as turning off the message number separator. Compare all settings to the documented SCCo standards and make any needed updates. See the following documentation available on the Santa Clara County web site main packet page:
  - Standard Outpost Configuration Instructions
  - Standard TNC Parameter Settings

## Questions / Comments / Concerns

That's all for this update. If you have a question, comment or concern, it is likely that someone else does, too. So please post it to our packet discussion group. That way, everyone can see the question and the answer. URL: <https://scc-ares-races.groups.io/g/packet>