

# Using *Tactical Addresses* with *Winlink 2000*

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# Use of Tactical Addresses

- Tactical group identifier for agencies.
- Functional Identifiers (many operators; one site or function)
- Originally created to provide temporary operations (shelter)
- Used in Navy MARS to ID staff position (see CHNAVMARCORMARS BCST 11-08 - USE OF STAFF CALLS IN WL2K).
- A Tactical Address is **not** a callsign!
- They do NOT replace a callsign for identification of an individual control operator.

# Tactical Address vs Callsign

- Tactical Addresses/Callsigns are NOT restricted by service codes.
- Callsigns use passwords and may use Secure Login.  
Tactical Addresses do NOT.
- Callsigns are legal identifiers of the station and control operator.  
Tactical addresses are NOT. They are “addresses,” and NOT meant to be “callsigns.”

# Tactical Address defined

- When originating messages as a user from inside the Winlink 2000 system, Tactical addresses (or callsigns) do not need the @winlink.org domain.  
**From a Winlink User:**  
To: k4cjsx, nna4sw, waterman, tema-seoc2, dwolfe@tnema.org
- **From SMTP Mail:**  
To: nna4sw@winlink.org, waterman@winlink.org, tema-seoc2@winlink.org, dwolfe@tnema.org

# Tactical Address defined

- 4 characters minimum, 12 characters maximum.
- “Alpha” characters unless followed by a “-” (dash).
- After dash, characters may be alpha *or* numeric.  
(Example:
- **TEMA-SEOC2@winlink.org**,  
**TEMA-12A@winlink.org**,  
**Waterman@winlink.org**
- This configuration is distinct from *any* callsign, and purposely keeps it from being a callsign.

# Tactical Address Summary:

- There is no security with the use of tactical addresses.
  - NO password protection
  - NO service code restriction
  - NO legal meaning for identification
  - No secure login
- Their main advantage is *interoperability* and *functional recognition*.

NO

# Tactical Address

YES

RMS Express 1.2.18.0 - K4CJX

K4CJX Files Message Att

No active session...

System Folders

Inbox

Read Items

Outbox

Sent Items

Saved Items

Deleted Items

Drafts

Personal Folders

Contacts

2FQC5

AB9SK

k4cjx@comcast.net

K7BFL

KN6KB

mac@hgsservices.com

N2SMV

RMS Express Properties

Call Signs

My Callsign: K4CJX

Optional auxiliary callsigns

My shortened callsign:

Aux Call 1:

Add callsign suffix if required (optional):

Aux Call 2:

My Grid Square: EM66OB

Lat/Lon to Grid Square

My Password (optional):

Use Secure Login

NOTE: A password is required only if you use secure login.

Winmor registration key (optional):

Display list of pending incoming messages prior to download

Warn about connections to stations holding messages

Disable Peer-To-Peer Message Transfer

Path to propagation forecast program: C:\vtshfbc\

Service Codes

PUBLIC

(Use PUBLIC for ham call signs. Separate multiple service codes by spaces.)

If you change service codes, you must update the list of channels.

Recalculate HF path quality if SFI changes more than: 10

Keep logs for 2 weeks. Keep deleted messages for 30 days.

Allow diagnostic information to be sent to the Winlink Development Team

Update Cancel Remove call sign

Logs Help

Recipient Subject

Thank you!

Questions?