Start text from email and chat announcement.

Good morning IMRC members,

A few weeks ago, some members expressed an interest in developing their Winlink skills as an IMRC activity.

The club's call sign, W4MOV, has a Winlink account associated with it, indeed the call sign and MOVE-1 and MOVE-2 tactical addresses, are installed on the trucks. We can use W4MOV as our virtual "EOC" and send messages to it.

Some of the Winlink message templates have location information which enables them to be mapped, either by the built-in tools or exported to a GIS app or Google maps. Since we have a geographically diverse membership, using one of these templates would let us display the messages and show where we are, kind of "Where is Waldo?"

The Winlink "Check In" message is one of these mappable templates and is simple to complete. There are others we might use that have more emergency management relevant information, but let's start with the basics.

Members who are interested in participating in this activity, please send a Winlink Check In message to W4MOV before our monthly meeting (third Wednesday each month). You can send more than one message if you like. Messages will be displayed as part of our monthly meeting agenda starting in April 2024.

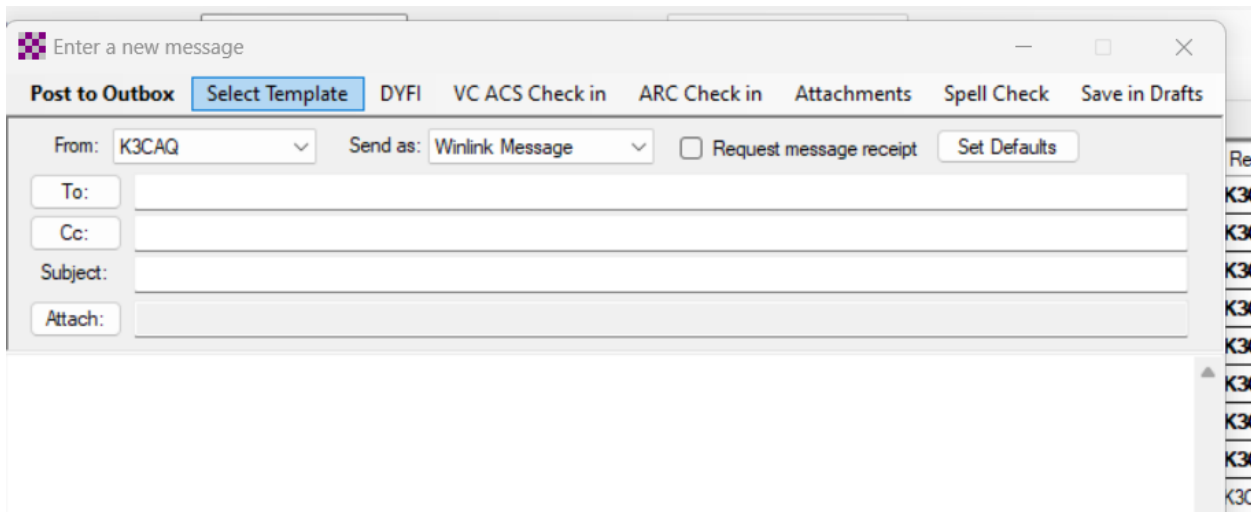For those unfamiliar with the check in message details of how to find and complete it are in the attachment.

End text from email and chat announcement.

Finding the Winlink Check In Message from the Winlink Express "home" screen

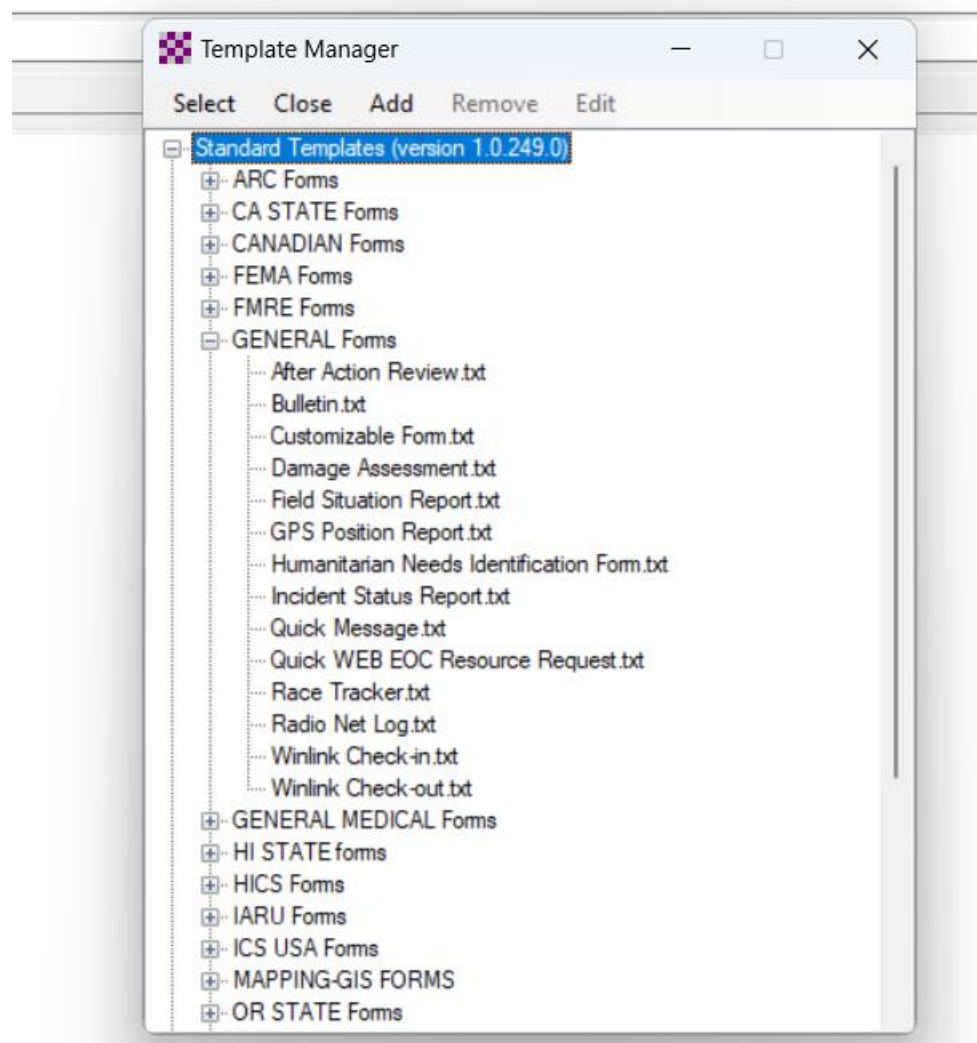Click on new message icon (leftmost in row)
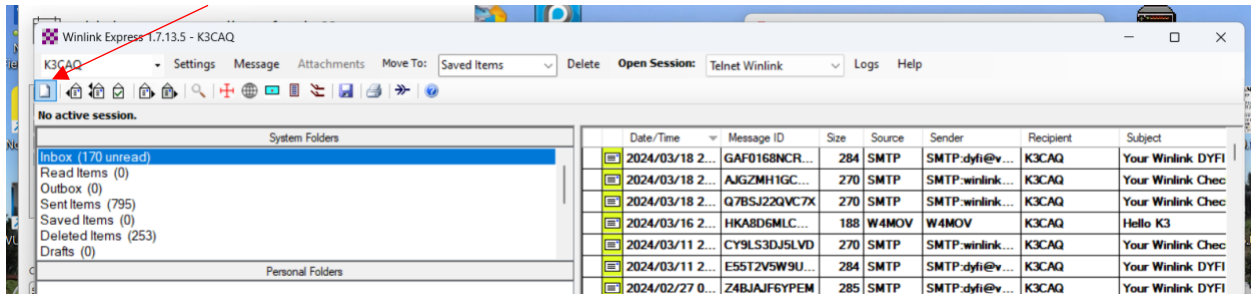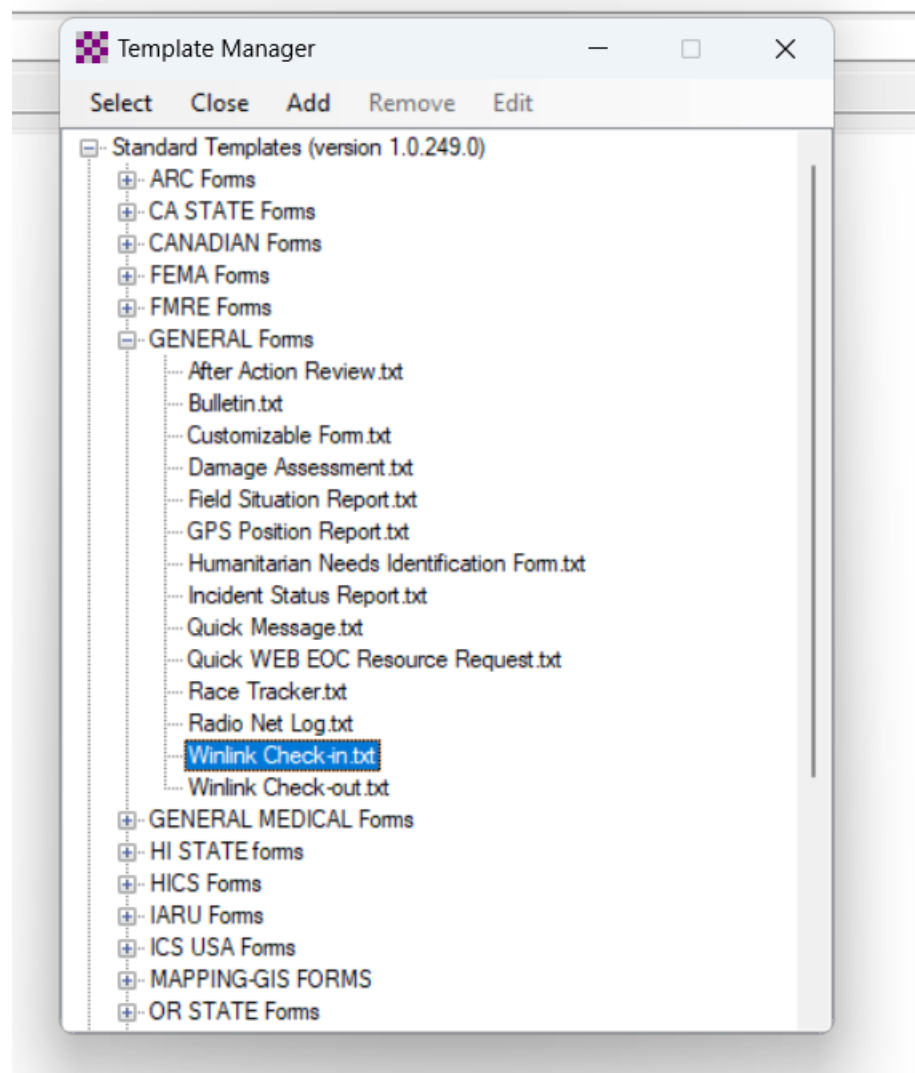

Click on select template

There are two ways to get the Check In template. The description here uses the "GENERAL Forms" path.
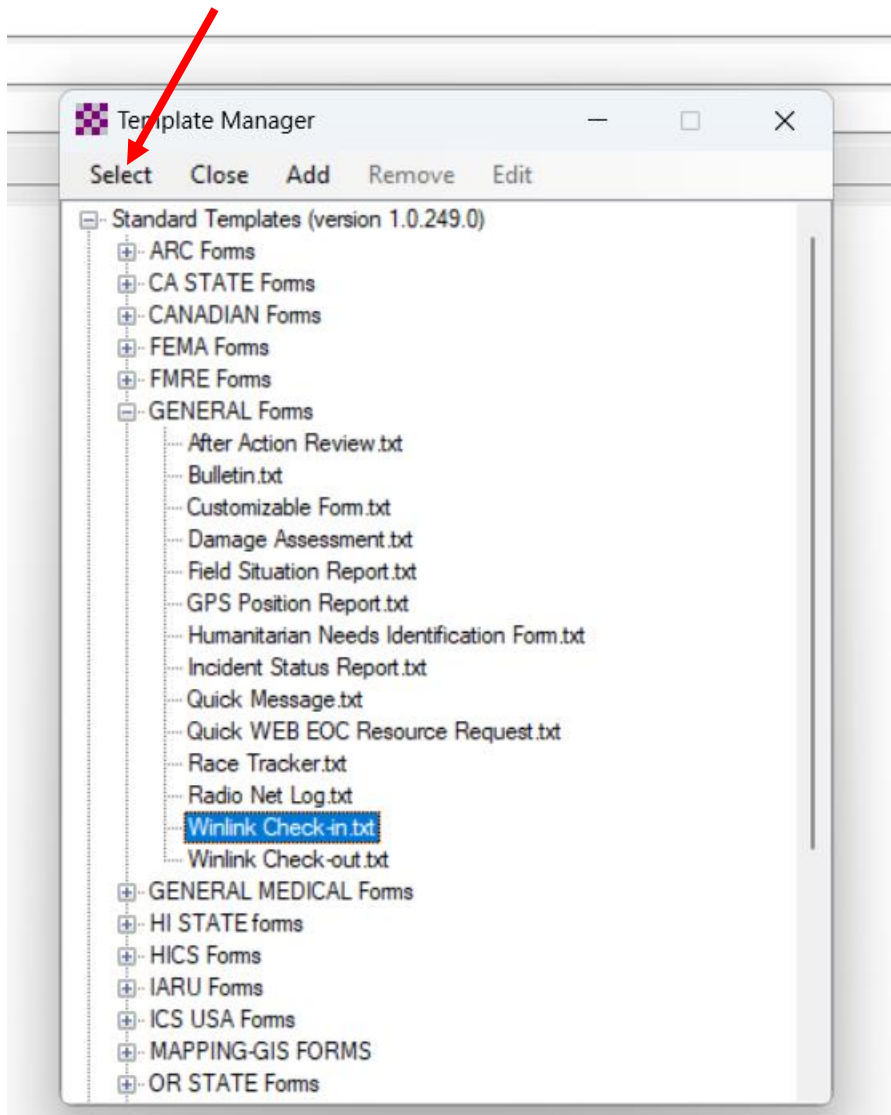
Expand Standard Templates

Expand GENERAL Forms

Select Winlink Check-in.txt

Then press select

Template Manager

Select   Close   **Add**   Remove   Edit

- Standard Templates (version 1.0.249.0)
  - ⊞ ARC Forms
  - ⊞ CA STATE Forms
  - ⊞ CANADIAN Forms
  - ⊞ FEMA Forms
  - ⊞ FMRE Forms
  - ⊟ GENERAL Forms
    - After Action Review.txt
    - Bulletin.txt
    - Customizable Form.txt
    - Damage Assessment.txt
    - Field Situation Report.txt
    - GPS Position Report.txt
    - Humanitarian Needs Identification Form.txt
    - Incident Status Report.txt
    - Quick Message.txt
    - Quick WEB EOC Resource Request.txt
    - Race Tracker.txt
    - Radio Net Log.txt
    - **Winlink Check-in.txt**
    - Winlink Check-out.txt
  - ⊞ GENERAL MEDICAL Forms
  - ⊞ HI STATE forms
  - ⊞ HICS Forms
  - ⊞ IARU Forms
  - ⊞ ICS USA Forms
  - ⊞ MAPPING-GIS FORMS
  - ⊞ OR STATE Forms

The following tab will appear in your browser.

Please note: Winlink messages are publicly viewable. If you are concerned about your location being publicly known, enter false/inaccurate location data in the message.

A completed form appropriate to my mode and location

Press submit, after one click and 2 "Oks" you get this:

Enter a new message — ☐ ✕

Post to Outbox Select Template DYFI VC ACS Check in ARC Check in Attachments Spell Check Save in Drafts

From: K3CAQ ⌄   Send as: Winlink Message ⌄   ☐ Request message receipt   Set Defaults

To: W4MOV:

Cc:

> Add your email address if you want a copy

Subject: Winlink Check-in EXERCISE - K3CAQ - 44 Station Rd Codsall UK

Attach: RMS_Express_Form_Winlink_Check_In_Viewer.xml;FormData.txt;

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Winlink Check-in
0. HEADER
 0a: Organization:
 0b: Subject:          Winlink Check-in EXERCISE - K3CAQ - 44 Station Rd Codsall UK

1. STATION
 1a. Date/Time:        2024-03-23 14:05:26
 1b. To:    W4MOV
 1c. From: K3CAQ
 1d. Station Contact Name:       Andy
 1e. Initial Operators: K3CAQ

2. SESSION
 2a. Type: EXERCISE
 2b. Service:          AMATEUR
 2c. Band: NA
 2d. Session:          Telnet

3. LOCATION
 3a. Location:         44 Station Rd Codsall UK
 3b. Latitude:         52.63
 3c. Longitude:        -2.20
 3d. MGRS:             30UWD5414531412
 3e. Grid Square:      IO82vp
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4a COMMENTS:

Hello from the Midlands


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Winlink Check-in 5.0.10
Map file name: Winlink Check-in V5
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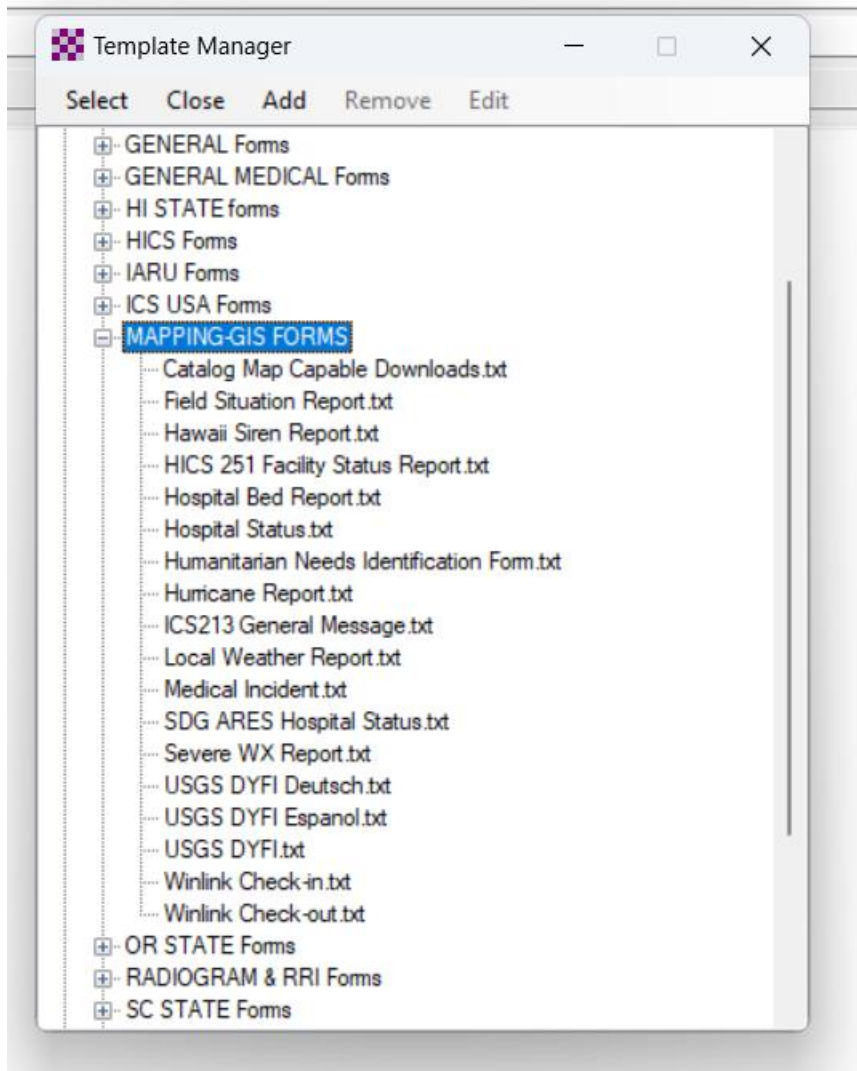
Click on "Post to Outbox" and then open a session appropriate to your chosen mode and send the message.

The second path to the Check In Form is via the "MAPPING-GIS FORMS" group as shown below

Some test data

Displayed via the Winlink Map viewer using the W4MOV account.

Where is Waldo (Andy) see the blue balloons, W4MOV location is the green balloon (East Raleigh – my best guess)