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Pennsylvania State 44 Net / AMPR.ORG IP Subnet Plan

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This plan will describe the subnetting of the IPv4 address range allocated to the amateur radio community in Pennsylvania. Currently all IPv4 addresses available to Pennsylvania are co-ordinated by Charles Hargrove, N2NOV. The latest version of this document may be downloaded from http://HamGatePA.n2nov.net/Pennsylvania_State_Subnet_Plan.pdf

The following IPv4 address subnet is allocated to the amateur radio community in Pennsylvania:

44.56.0.0 / 255.255.0.0

It shall be further broken down into smaller subnets so as to allow all radio hams in the state to be allocated an address that will be geographically relevant and routable. The plan is based on a “hub and spoke” principal. Each county in the state will be allocated its own subnet. A regional hub (or hubs) will be assigned numbers from their subnet and in turn the hubs will issue addresses to their users. The master hub will be called “**hamgatePA**” which will reside on the Internet. The purpose of the hubs will be to control traffic to and from the Pennsylvania network so as to meet current FCC Part 97 rules and to help prevent unwanted traffic from escaping onto an RF based LAN.

HamGatePA hubs will not prevent RF based users from accessing the Internet should they so wish. Where possible all hubs will be accessible from both the Internet and a local RF LAN. Users may or may not be connected to the Internet, but will be connected via RF to their local hub. The regional hubs will be free to create any RF based LAN they so choose and are strongly encouraged to try experimental data transport methods. Data repeaters such as D-STAR, C4FM, DMR and HamNet (AREDN) are also encouraged to participate in this addressing scheme. The ultimate goal is that of interoperability. All hubs and users on the network will use the “**host.ampr.org**” naming convention. For the purposes of DNS entries, A, AAAA and CNAME records will be allowed and where possible MX records will be populated.

A word about IP and subnets etc:

Most readers will be familiar with expressions such as “subnet”, “netmask” and “gateway” from their exposure to their cable modems at home. However, most users will not understand what these terms mean. In short, the numbers that represent these expressions describe how many IP addresses are available to the local network, how to calculate the location of any IP address and where to go if you cannot reach your intended destination address directly on your LAN.

Just like your cable modem and WiFi router, the ham radio TCP/IP network uses subnets, netmasks and gateways to navigate around hosts for the purposes of sending email, viewing the Dxcluster, etc.

Unlike your equipment at home, when you join the Pennsylvania ham radio data community you will be issued a set of numbers that will not only allow you to communicate with your fellow hams but also communicate worldwide via the Internet.

Your allocation is indeed an honest-to-goodness “real” IP address. Unlike the IP addresses you are familiar with in your home (192.168.x.x) which are repeated almost everywhere you go, your numbers are unique to you! Like all things in ham radio, the “big boys” want our stuff. There are no more IPv4 addresses available anywhere in the world and so your allocation is a valuable commodity just like your RF space. Use it or lose it!!!! (remember the 220 band in the 1990’s?)

And in case you were wondering, there are PLENTY of numbers for the ham community thanks to the foresight of the original pioneers of packet radio, so please use as many as you can justify. Each of the 67 counties in PA has over 250 addresses available. More is available should the need arise.

In the event that you lose interest in our data community, your numbers will be returned to the pool held for your county and issued to the next requesting user in that county.

It's all in the numbers:

There are a little over 65,500 IP addresses available to Pennsylvania. Of that number, over 17,000 are shared among the various counties around the state leaving some 48,000 remaining should there be a need to "back fill" somewhere for a special project or for BGP. Should you have a need for more numbers than is available in your county please contact your coordinator to discuss your proposals.

The IP subnet details for a sample county is listed below. These subnets are further reduced to better fit the needs of any given county network between traditional packet messaging systems and experimental uses like VoIP and HSMM/Mesh networks. The 44 Net is understood to be routable packets to other systems by either RF/wireless LANs or the internet via IPIP encapsulation (VPN).

For example:

<u>Greene County, PA</u>	44.56.16.1/255.255.255.0
Subnet	44.56.16.0/24
Range	44.56.16.1 – 44.56.16.254 (max. 254 hosts)
Network	44.56.16.0
Broadcast	44.56.16.255
Gateway	44.56.16.1
AX25 Hierarchical Address	<i>host.#gree.pa.usa.noam</i>

Requestors will then be issued a smaller subnet based on the number of routable addresses needed:

/29	6 usable addresses
/28	14
/27	30
/26	62
/25	126
/24	254

The below chart shows the 14 counties of Pennsylvania with their associated IP range assignments, the National Weather Service FIPS code for weather radio alerting, the Pennsylvania county 4 letter code that is used in the AX25 hierarchical addressing template and the 1 to 8 prefixes of USPS Zip Codes in each county for NTS message routing purposes for the EPA and WPA ARRL Sections.

<u>County</u>	<u>FIPS</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Subnet</u>									
				<u>/24</u>	<u>ZIP1</u>	<u>ZIP2</u>	<u>ZIP3</u>	<u>ZIP4</u>	<u>ZIP5</u>	<u>ZIP6</u>	<u>ZIP7</u>	<u>ZIP8</u>	
HAMGATEPA			PA	0									
ERIE	42049	ERIE	WPA	1	164	165							
FRANKLIN	42055	FRAN	WPA	2	170	172							
CRAWFORD	42039	CRAW	WPA	3	161	163	164						
MERCER	42085	MERC	WPA	4	160	161	163						
LAWRENCE	42073	LAWR	WPA	5	160	161							
BEAVER	42007	BEAV	WPA	6	150	151	160	161					
WASHINGTON	42125	WASH	WPA	7	150	151	152	153	154				
WARREN	42123	WARR	WPA	8	163	164	167						
MCKEAN	42083	MCKE	WPA	9	158	167							
POTTER	42105	POTT	WPA	10	158	167	169	177					
VENANGO	42121	VENA	WPA	11	160	161	162	163					
FOREST	42053	FORE	WPA	12	158	162	163						
ELK	42047	ELK	WPA	13	158	167							
CAMERON	42023	CAME	WPA	14	158	167							
ALLEGHENY	42003	ALLE	WPA	15	150	151	152	153	156	160	162		
GREENE	42059	GREE	WPA	16	153								
FAYETTE	42051	FAYE	WPA	17	150	154	156						
WESTMORELAND	42129	WEST	WPA	18	150	151	154	155	156	157	159	162	
SOMERSET	42111	SOME	WPA	19	154	155	156	159					
CAMBRIA	42021	CAMB	WPA	20	157	159	166						
CLEARFIELD	42033	CLEA	WPA	21	157	158	166	168					
BUTLER	42019	BUTL	WPA	22	150	160	161	162	163				
CLARION	42031	CLAR	WPA	23	158	160	162	163					
ARMSTRONG	42005	ARMS	WPA	24	156	157	160	162					
JEFFERSON	42065	JEFF	WPA	25	157	158	162						
INDIANA	42063	INDI	WPA	26	156	157	159	162					
CLINTON	42035	CLIN	WPA	27	168	177							
CENTRE	42027	CENT	WPA	28	166	168							
BLAIR	42013	BLAI	WPA	29	159	166							
HUNTINGDON	42061	HUNT	WPA	30	166	168	170	172					
MIFFLIN	42087	MIFF	WPA	31	170	178							
BEDFORD	42009	BEDF	WPA	32	155	159	166	172					
FULTON	42057	FULT	WPA	33	155	166	172						

