Overview:

A Station Activity Report (SAR) is a capsulation of your participation in the National Traffic System (NTS) on a monthly basis indicating how many, and how, pieces of traffic have been handled by your station. Points are awarded as to the amount of traffic you handled; see below. If you obtain 500 or more total SAR points or 100 originations/deliveries (see below) in a month, you are a member of the Brass Pounders League BPL)

A Public Service Honor Role (PSHR) report is a capsulation of the types of your participation in all forms of public service to the general public and ham community, including the NTS.

Both monthly SAR and/or PSHR reports should be sent to our Eastern NY Section Traffic Manager via an ARRL Standard Formatted Radiogram. (An example is on the last page of this document):

Mike Shanahan WO2H
9 Calhoun Rd
Troy, NY 12180
(518) 860-4971

The following is a condensed version of much information found at:
http://www.arrl.org/files/media/Group/PSHR.htm.

Our Section Manager John K2QY maintains the Eastern NY Section page on the web at http://eny.arrl.org/ . On the nav bar on the left ("Monthly Traffic Reports", http://eny.arrl.org/monthly-reports-page-new/), you'll see the ENY traffic page with the counts and callsigns of activity.

Station Activity Report (SAR)

Regardless of how many 'points' you may or may not earn during the month, a SAR report is appreciated by our STM, Mike WO2H. It provides you with a reason to SEND a radiogram, as well as indicates to the powers that be that the NTS is alive and well.

There are 4 categories of 'points' to your monthly report. ORIGINATED, SENT, RECEIVED, and DELIVERED. A point is received each time you do one of the following for the radiogram in question:

ORIGINATED:

(An off-the-air function) Any ARRL standard format message traffic prepared by you (the first party) for someone other than yourself (a third party), and filed at your amateur radio station for initial transmission over the air. Count one point. In other words, this is a radiogram which you created for another per-son using your station's message number and call sign.

Andrew's comments: Third party can be another ham operator, but not yourself. The text itself may be obtained via county fair booth, telephone, email, US Mail, etc. Your station and location is in the preamble as Station of Origin and Location. A message can only be originated once. If you ORIGINATE a message, you have to be able to have SENT it. A message can only be originated once.

SENT:

(An on-the-air function) Any message traffic to be sent by your station to another amateur station (a second party), whether such a message is initially transmitted from your station as your Originated message for a third party, a message for your-self, or one that was received from another amateur station. Count one point.
Andrew's comments:
The message must be sent over the amateur radio frequencies, ie: Internet sending does not count, even if to another ham. It is possible to have SENT a radiogram but not ORIGINATE it (for example, you are relaying a message in a net received from another station to another station), but never the other way around. A message may be sent/received multiple times through the system, net to net.

RECEIVED:

(An on-the-air function) Any ARRL standard format radiogram received over amateur radio by your station. This will include message traffic received, whether for yourself, for relay to another amateur station (the second party), or received for delivery to the message addressee (a third party).

Andrew's comments: Internet "receiving" does not count even if from another ham. It is possible to have RECEIVED a radiogram but not DELIEVERED it, but never the other way around. A message may be sent/received multiple times through the system, net to net.

DELIVERED:

(An off-the-air function) Any message traffic that is delivered by you to the message addressee (a third party). This delivery is done by telephone, postal, E-mail, in-person, etc. Note: A message sent by amateur radio to the final addressee at another amateur station is counted as a sent message, not as a delivered message.

Andrew's comments: You are providing the message to a third party (even if another amateur), but not yourself. You must be the last amateur handling the message. If you are receiving one on behalf of yourself, this is NOT third party traffic, and you are NOT delivering it (no point). If you DELIVER a message, you need to be able to have RECEIVED it. A message can only be delivered once.

Public Service Honor Role Report (PSHR)

The six areas for rating are:

1) Participation in a public service net — 1 point, maximum 40.

2) Handling formal messages (radiograms) via any mode — 1 point for each message handled; maximum 40.

3) Serving in an ARRL-sponsored volunteer position: ARRL Field Organization appointee or Section Manager, NTS Net Manager, TCC Director, TCC member, NTS official or appointee above the Section level. — 10 points for each position; maximum 30.

4) Participation in scheduled, short-term public service events such as walk-a-thons, bike-a-thons, parades, simulated emergency tests and related practice events. This includes off-the-air meetings and coordination efforts with related emergency groups and served agencies. — 5 points per hour (or any portion thereof) of time spent in either coordinating and/or operating in the public service event; no limit.

5) Participation in an unplanned emergency response when the Amateur Radio operator is on the scene. This also includes unplanned incident requests by public or served agencies for Amateur Radio participation. –5 points per hour (or any portion thereof) of time spent directly involved in the emergency operation; no limit.

6.) Providing and maintaining a) an automated digital system that handles ARRL radiogram-formatted messages; b) a Web page e-mail list server oriented toward Amateur Radio public service — 10 points per item.

Reporting to our Section Traffic Manager (example)

We will all receive this as a 'test' message:

A report like this:

1 TEST R W2BOS 14 POUGHKEEPSIE NY APR 01
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BT
SAR AUGUST O/0 R/384 S/764
D/24 T/1172 PSHR 1/40 2/40
3/20 6/20 T/120 73
BT
ANDREW W2BOS
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should be sent to the Section Traffic Manager (Mike WO2H), either on the nets or via email (but no points obtained by you this way) no later than the 10th of the month.

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