

STANDBY SCRIPT

This is _____ (call sign) Net Control for SKYWARN in contact with the National Weather Service in Sterling, Virginia. My name is _____ (your name) and my QTH is _____ (city, state). SKYWARN is active in **STANDBY** mode. All SKYWARN spotters are requested to check their systems and back up systems at this time.

The National Weather Service has indicated a severe weather threat currently exists in the listening area of this repeater. The current status is:

READ BULLETINS FROM THE NWS

This STANDBY net is an informal net and all weather observation reports are welcome. Although this repeater remains open for general amateur use during the STANDBY net, any weather observations should be called in to net control. It is requested that transmissions be kept short and breaks given to permit observation reports to reach net control.

(As necessary and time permits)

The National Weather Service is looking for reports of the following:

- 1. Tornadoes, funnel clouds, or rotating wall clouds*
- 2. Hail (please give the size as compared to US coins)*
- 3. Wind gusts in excess of 50 miles per hour measured with an anemometer.*
- 4. Flooding of streams, creeks, or rivers out of their banks*
- 5. Roads, or streets made impassable due to water*
- 6. An inch or more of rain accumulation measured in rain gauge*
- 7. Any damage by wind or lightning*
- 8. Downed trees, large branches, or power lines*

When calling SKYWARN Net Control please give your Spotter ID if you have one, and indicate the exact location where severe weather is occurring. This includes city AND state, nearest town, road, or intersection. Please do not use landmarks. Major roadways are OK.”

(On the hour only:) In the event of a repeater outage on this frequency, our primary backup repeaters are either 145.21- pl 141.3 (K4QJZ Linden, VA) or 146.955- (KV3B Rockville, MD). Stations are requested to QSY to the most readable primary net frequency or to the best available subnet frequency.”

Are there any reports of severe weather for the SKYWARN Net? ***(stand by for any reports and handle them as they come in)***

We will now take check-ins for the SKYWARN Net. When checking in, please give your name, location, spotter ID if you have one and your current weather. When leaving the net, please check out with Net Control. Stations wishing to check in, your call signs only please: This is _____, standing by.

ACTIVE SCRIPT

This is _____ (callsign) Net Control for SKYWARN in contact with the National Weather Service in Sterling, Virginia. My name is _____ (your name) and my QTH is _____ (city, state). The National Weather Service has indicated severe weather is occurring in the listening area of this repeater. SKWARN is in ACTIVE The current status is:

READ BULLETIN FROM THE NWS

SKYWARN is in **ACTIVE** mode. This is a directed net and all calls should be made to the Net Control Station. It is requested that all **non**-Skywarn traffic be curtailed during this Skywarn weather event and the transmissions be kept short and breaks given to permit observation reports to reach net control.

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NET CONCLUSION

This is Skywarn Net Control, _____ (call sign),

On behalf of the National Weather Service and the SKYWARN program, we would like to thank the Bluemont Repeater Group for the use of their repeater system and the amateur community for giving Skywarn traffic priority during this weather event. We thank each amateur radio operator who participated in today's Skywarn weather net. It is your spotter reporting that gives that additional ground truth dimension to the radar readings being monitored by the National Weather Service meteorologists.

Please pass all further severe weather reports directly to the National Weather Service by telephone on their weather hotline:

800-253-7091

This Skywarn Amateur Radio Net is now secured at _____ (time) and the repeater is returned to normal service. This is _____ clear.