

NCA SKYWARN NET CONTROL WINTER SCRIPT (07/2011)

SKYWARN is Activated. "This is _____ (call sign) Net Control for SKYWARN in contact with the National Weather Service in Sterling, Virginia. All SKYWARN spotters are requested to check their systems and back up systems at this time."

(In WATCH mode: READ EVERY 30 MINUTES)

"The National Weather Service has indicated that there is a THREAT for SEVERE WINTER WEATHER within the listening area of this repeater. (Read the list of watches if possible) SKYWARN is in Standby mode, and amateurs may use the repeater. Please keep transmissions short with breaks to permit severe weather reports to reach SKYWARN."

(In WARNING mode: READ EVERY 15 MINUTES, BREAKING INTERMITTENTLY FOR WARNINGS AND REPORTS)

"The National Weather Service has indicated that SEVERE WINTER WEATHER IS OCCURRING within the listening area of this repeater. (Read the list of warnings if possible) SKYWARN is currently activated as a directed net."

"All amateurs are encouraged to call SKYWARN with reports of severe weather. 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."

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

1. Snow accumulation in inches
2. Any ice accumulation on trees, streets, or power lines
3. Sleet or freezing rain
4. Wind gusts in excess of 35 miles per hour measured using an anemometer.
5. Impassable or closed roads"
6. Downed trees, large branches, or power lines.
7. Any other storm-related damage.

"Please do not call SKYWARN if none of these severe weather events is occurring in your area. Any station experiencing one of these severe weather events call SKYWARN Net Control at this time."

(Read this portion once during the hourly NCS announcement, or as directed by the Net Manager)

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."

"This is _____ (call sign), over."