

## Calling a Weather Net Via Amateur Radio

A weather or SKYWARN net can be initiated by anyone recognizing the need for one - either by observation, hearing a news media weather alert, or activated through the National Weather Service. The net control station (NCS) will initiate the net by announcing the preamble below:

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THIS IS (your call) CALLING A SEVERE WEATHER NET.

(Insert the weather bulletin if available or just an explanation of why the net is being activated and identify the affected area)

ALL AMATEURS WITHIN THE RANGE OF THIS REPEATER ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS NET

WHEN CHECKING IN PLEASE GIVE YOUR CALL, LOCATION & REPORT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS

- 1 A funnel cloud or tornado
- 2 Rotating wall cloud
- 3 Hail of any size with dimensions
- 4 Damaging winds
- 5 Unusually heavy or flooding rains

Also report if sirens are sounding in your area

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The National Weather Service (NWS) may come up on frequency to provide additional information or request observations.

If possible establish contact with NWS by phone(1-800-685-8612) or on other area repeaters. If you leave the net, announce your leaving and if possible have an alternate NCS take over.

Keep a log of all contacts particularly noting the time, location, and severity of conditions, and reporting identity (Skywarn ID#/call sign). This information should be relayed to NWS .

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THIS IS (your call) NET CONTROL STATION FOR THE SEVERE WEATHER NET

I WISH TO THANK ALL STATIONS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THIS NET

YOUR PARTICIPATION AND ASSISTANCE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED

THIS NET IS SECURED AT (time) 73 GOOD DAY THIS IS (your call) CLEAR