



## Skywarn Net Control Operator Guidelines

(NOTE: This IS NOT an official Skywarn document.)

**1<sup>st</sup> - MAKE SURE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY REMAIN SAFE!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - ALWAYS STANDBY FOR TRAFFIC FROM WX4MRX!**

- 1) Local Skywarn nets should be opened when weather is very near or at severe warning stages.  
*Announcements (nets not opened) should be made when watches are active.*
- 2) Open nets by saying "This is KX4XXX, now opening the (county) Skywarn net".
- 3) Read any warnings you have received, and mention watches and their expiration time.
- 4) Remind net of severe weather reporting criteria:  

* hail (any size)	* 58MPH or greater winds/damage	* Rainfall of 1" or more per hour
* Wall or funnel clouds	* Tornado (on ground with debris cloud)	* Flooding
- 5) Take check-ins or severe weather criteria traffic.
- 6) Assign alternate NCS stations away from your area, to assume NCS should you become directly affected by severe weather or loss of power. Assign liaison(s) to monitor alternate net frequency or to assist in reporting to NWS Morristown.
- 7) If net is quiet, announce status of the net every 10 minutes by saying:  
**"This is KX4XXX, continuing the McMinn county Skywarn net - we remain under a (type of warning) until (time)." Report severe weather conditions at any time. This is KX4XXX standing by"**
- 8) Report all severe reports to WX4MRX immediately by:
  - 1) Primary - radio (146.940 MHz) or if unable by email at [sr-mrx.idss@noaa.gov](mailto:sr-mrx.idss@noaa.gov)
  - 2) Secondary – by Storm Report using [web reporting formats](#),
  - 3) or lastly by telephone (800-697-0075). (Your AltNCS can also be assigned to do this if needed.)  
**NOTE: NEVER give out the 800 to MRX over the air! That number is for Skywarn spotters only.**
- 9) After contacting NWS, relay the severe report via phone to local EMA or dispatch center (possibly on a non-911 number) to report the most severe reports (tornadoes, funnel clouds, floods, damage such as roofs, trees in road, etc). **NOTE: Check with your local authorities to see if they want this done before doing it!**
- 10) When the existing warning has expired, make a decision whether to remain in open status, depending on other weather happening around your area. If you feel the severe criteria has lessened to watch levels, close the net. If conditions remain severe and the potential that another warning may be issued in a few minutes, you might want to keep the net open.
- 11) Always thank everyone participating when closing the net, and acknowledge scanner listeners.

----- MRX Reporting -----

NCS 2-Meter Repeater Reporting Frequencies:

Phone: 800-697-0075

146.940 MHz WB4GBI / Alternate 146.625 MHz / Tertiary 146.730 MHz

*Repeaters may or may not have an active decode tone of 118.8 Hz*