

## SKYWARN NET CONTROL SCRIPTS

### WEATHER STATEMENT / WARNING

THIS IS (Call Sign), FOR SKYWARN, IN CONTACT WITH THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN GRAY, MAINE. ARE THERE ANY STATIONS WITH EMERGENCY OR PRIORITY TRAFFIC?

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HAS ISSUED A (Read statement or warning), WHICH REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL \_\_\_\_\_ (Local Time).

*Read Statement or Warning Details.*

AT THIS TIME, DO WE HAVE ANY REPORTS OF SEVERE WEATHER? *Read any specific requests related to the weather statement or warning, from NWS.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION. THIS IS (Call Sign). CLEAR.

### SKYWARN INTRODUCTION SCRIPT #1 – SUMMER (GENERAL REQUEST FOR REPORTS)

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THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HAS INDICATED THAT THERE MAY BE SEVERE WEATHER IN THE AREA OF (Specify County or Warning Area). WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR SEVERE WEATHER REPORTS AT THIS TIME.

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IS LOOKING FOR REPORTS OF SEVERE WEATHER, INCLUDING:

1. TORNADOES, FUNNEL CLOUDS, OR ROTATING WALL CLOUDS
2. HAIL (ANY SIZE)
3. WIND FIFTY (50) MILES PER HOUR OR GREATER
4. FLOODING
5. RAIN ACCUMULATION IN EXCESS OF ONE (1) INCH
6. DAMAGE BY WIND OR LIGHTNING, OR
7. DOWNED TREES OR POWER LINES

ANY STATION EXPERIENCING SEVERE WEATHER, PLEASE CALL SKYWARN NET CONTROL. THIS IS (call sign). OVER.

*Enter reports in the GYX SKYWARN Net Reporting Form. Once you have received all reports available, read the following:*

SKYWARN NET CONTROL WILL BE MONITORING AND CHECK BACK IN AS CONDITIONS WARRANT. THANKS TO THE AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNITY FOR PRIORITIZING SKYWARN TRAFFIC ON BEHALF OF NWS GRAY, MAINE. THIS IS (Call Sign), CLEAR.

### **SKYWARN Script #2 – SUMMER (GENERAL REQUEST FOR REPORTS)**

*Read every 10-15 minutes, depending on the weather situation.*

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THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IS LOOKING FOR REPORTS OF SEVERE WEATHER AT THIS TIME INCLUDING:

1. TORNADOES, FUNNEL CLOUDS, OR ROTATING WALL CLOUDS
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### **SKYWARN Script #3 – SUMMER (GENERAL REQUEST FOR REPORTS)**

*STANDBY NET - Read every 30 minutes, depending on the weather situation.*

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SKYWARN IS IN A STAND-BY MODE DUE TO A THREAT OF SEVERE WEATHER. REPORTS OF SEVERE WEATHER WILL BE TAKEN ON THE HOUR AND ON THE HALF HOUR.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ANY REPORTS OF SEVERE WEATHER AT THIS TIME INCLUDING:

1. TORNADOES, FUNNEL CLOUDS, OR ROTATING WALL CLOUDS

2. HAIL (QUARTER SIZE OR LARGER)
3. WIND FIFTY (50) MILES PER HOUR OR GREATER
4. FLOODING
5. RAIN ACCUMULATION IN EXCESS OF ONE (1) INCH
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DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER REPORTS AT THIS TIME?

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*If no reports:*

HEARING NO FURTHER SEVERE WEATHER REPORTS AT THIS TIME, SKYWARN WILL RESUME TAKING CALL UPS AT \_\_\_\_\_ (Local Time). THIS IS (Call Sign), CLEAR.

### **SKYWARN INTRODUCTION SCRIPT #1 - WINTER (GENERAL REQUEST FOR REPORTS)**

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THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IS LOOKING FOR REPORTS OF SEVERE WEATHER, INCLUDING:

1. SNOWFALL IN EXCESS OF TWO (2) INCHES
2. SEVERE ICING ON TREES, STREETS, OR POWER LINES
3. SLEET OR FREEZING RAIN
4. WIND IN EXCESS OF THIRTY (30) MILES PER HOUR
5. DOWNED TREES OR POWER LINES
6. IMPASSABLE OR CLOSED ROADS

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### **SKYWARN Net Control Hand-off:**

THIS IS (Call Sign), FOR SKYWARN, IN CONTACT WITH THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN GRAY, MAINE.

ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE AND THE SKYWARN PROGRAM, THANK YOU TO THE (Repeater or Network) for the use of their system, and to the amateur radio community for giving SKYWARN priority and participating in this severe weather net.

AT THIS TIME, I WILL BE HANDING OFF NET CONTROL DUTIES TO (Call Sign).

73, (Call Sign). CLEAR.

## **SKYWARN Net Closing Script:**

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*If SKYWARN is still activated:* WHILE SKYWARN REMAINS ACTIVATED BUT IS NOT ACTIVELY TAKING TRAFFIC, THE REPEATER MAY BE USED FOR NORMAL AMATEUR OPERATIONS. PLEASE KEEP TRANSMISSIONS BRIEF AND ALLOW BREAKS SO ANY SEVERE WEATHER REPORTS MAY BE PASSED.

ANY ADDITIONAL SEVERE WEATHER REPORTS SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE BY PHONE AT 1-800-482-0913, VIA EMAIL TO: [gyx.skywarn@noaa.gov](mailto:gyx.skywarn@noaa.gov), OR BY WINLINK TO: WX1GYX.

THIS IS (Call Sign), SKYWARN NET CONTROL. THE SKYWARN SEVERE WEATHER NET IS SECURED AT: \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL TIME.

**Notes:** The level of formality of a SKYWARN net is dictated by weather conditions. Call-up nets are typically informal; however, as more significant reports are received—such as severe wind damage, funnel cloud or tornado sightings, or flash flooding—Net Control should transition the net to a more formal structure to prioritize and manage traffic effectively. Net Control should also remain mindful of ICS protocols and coordinate with and support ARES operations as needed.

These scripts are intended as guidance. Net Control should always exercise good judgment when determining both the timing of call-ups and the specific weather information being requested. If the National Weather Service is seeking only certain types of reports—such as flooding—Net Control should clearly state that focus. Likewise, call-ups should be targeted to the area of greatest concern; for example, avoid initiating net activity on a Portland, Maine repeater for severe weather occurring in western New Hampshire. Use the available tools and systems, including DMR, to direct requests to the appropriate geographic area.