

# Marshall County SKYWARN Net Activation Levels

Below are the guidelines for establishing and maintaining the **SKYWARN** net. There are four levels, **STANDBY**, **ALERT**, **EMERGENCY ALERT**, and **ALL CLEAR**

You should also identify the Net periodically (every 10-15 minutes) as appropriate for the level at which you're operating:

This is (Your Call), Net Control Station for the **Marshall County Skywarn Emergency Net**. (Announce net level and read NWS statements as needed. Ask stations to continue to monitor frequency and report as required.)

(Maintain order through out the Net).

(Be a good communicator by thinking before you speak.)

(Use your training and good judgment in running the Net.)

## Stand-By

Attention all stations on frequency, Attention all stations on frequency. This is (Your Call), Net Control Station for the Marshall County Skywarn Emergency Net. (Pause) A **Stand-By Alert** is hereby issued in preparation for establishing a Skywarn Weather Watch Net. (Pause) All stations are requested to monitor frequency for additional information. (Pause) The Skywarn Emergency Net will be established if the NWS issues a warning or weather conditions warrent. We are currently at **Stand-By**. This is (Your Call).

## Alert

Attention all stations on frequency, Attention all stations on frequency. This is (Your Call), Net Control Station for the **Marshall County Skywarn Emergency Net**. (Pause) NWS Huntsville has issued Watch/Warning, number XXX(Read the NWS document).

We are now at **Alert**, and a formal Net is established at (time). All stations wishing to participate should check in now. Please state your call sign, location, and if mobile or fixed station ONLY. If you have comments, call the NCS after check-in is completed. You may break this net at any time for Emergency transmissions. Begin check-ins.

(Begin your log and establish a liason to NAS, and assign an assistant NCS, in case you go off the air. The assistant NCS should keep a log of check-ins also).

(After check-in is completed, the NCS has the option of allowing routine traffic on the frequency if conditions allow)

That completes check-ins at this time, with XX stations in the net. Routine traffic is permitted, but please keep your transmissions short and allow added time between transmissions to allow for break-ins.

## Emergency-Alert

Attention all stations on frequency, Attention all stations on frequency. (Pause) This is (Your Call), Net Control Station for the **Marshall County Skywarn Emergency Net**. (Pause) An **Emergency-Alert** is hereby established at (Time) (Read NWS warnings and/or give a brief explanation of the Emergency.)

This is a directed Net, and all communications will be carried out at the direction of this Net Control Station. Only stations with Emergency traffic should break into this Net. All operators on

frequency please check-in at this time with you call sign, location, and if you are available for mobile or fixed station. (Pause) (Log down spotters, establish a liaison & assistant NCS if you haven't already) (Remind all stations to monitor frequency and report only Emergency or Important traffic.)

## **All Clear-Net Secure**

(When an all clear has been given by the National Weather Office in Huntsville, secure the Net.)

This is (Your Call) Net Control Station for the **Marshall County Skywarn Emergency Net**, an all clear has been given for Marshall County by the National Weather Service. (Pause)

All stations may now secure. This is (Your Call) Net Control thanking all stations and all repeaters for their help and participation. Your help has been greatly appreciated. (Pause) This Net is now Secure at (Time), This is (Your Call) .