

FULTON COUNTY NY SKYWARN NET CONTROL WINTER SCRIPT (06/03/2013)

1. Call National Weather Service in Albany, NY (1-800-342-4511) to notify them you are opening a SkyWarn Net.
2. Call the Fulton County SkyWarn Emergency Coordinator, Don Gifford WA2EZ 518.752.9226 and make notification of your net activation.

SKYWARN is Activated:

“This is _____ (call sign) Net Control for this SKYWARN Net. I am in contact with the National Weather Service in Albany, NY. All SKYWARN spotters are requested to check their systems and backup systems 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 backup frequencies are either 146.700 Simplex or 145.350(-) pl 167.9 (NC2C Cherry Valley, NY).” If you are NCS, start on 146.70 simplex, send someone to 145.350 and determine the better frequency to use based on who is checked in so far. Stations are requested to QSY to the most readable primary net frequency or to the best available subnet frequency.

Take a list of check-ins and have all stations stand by per the instructions for Watch vs. Warning. **See below:**

(IF in WATCH mode READ EVERY 30 MINUTES)

“The National Weather Service has indicated that there is a THREAT for SEVERE 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.”

**(IF in WARNING mode READ EVERY 15 MINUTES,
BREAKING INTERMITTENTLY FOR WARNINGS AND REPORTS)**

“The National Weather Service has indicated that SEVERE 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 tress, streets, or power lines.
3. Sleet or freezing rain.
4. Wind gust in excess of 35 miles per hour measure 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 there are none of these severe weather events occurring in your area. Any station experiencing one of these severe weather events call SKYWARN Net Control at this time.”

“This is _____ (call sign), over.”

SKYWARN NET CONTROL CLOSING SCRIPT (05/29/2013)

Closing of the Net:

“This is _____ (call sign) Net Control for SKYWARN in contact with the at the National Weather Service in Albany, NY” “On behalf of the National Weather Service and the SKYWARN program, we would like to thank the K2JJI TRYON Amateur Radio Club for the use of their system and the amateur community for giving SKYWARN traffic priority and for participating in SKYWARN severe weather nets.”

“If you see any severe weather, please pass all reports directly to the National Weather Service by telephone. The SkyWarn severe weather hotline telephone number is **1-800-342-4511**. This telephone number is only to be used to report severe weather.”

“This SKYWARN Amateur Radio Net is now secure at _____ (local time) and the repeater is returned to normal service. The Fulton County SkyWarn Emergency Coordinator is Don Gifford, WA2EZ. If you have any questions or comments about SkyWarn or this Net, please email Don at Wa2eZ.Skywarn@Live.com. This is _____ (call sign), OUT.”

Send an email to your Fulton County SkyWarn Emergency Coordinator with a Net Report to include net check-ins and information that was relayed to the National Weather Service in Albany, NY.