

H.C.A.R.C. Sky Warn Net

Purpose:

To encourage, support and practice Safe, effective and efficient collection and reporting of information during significant weather events in the Kerr and surrounding counties of Texas. The use of coordinated, networked reporting will help to maximize the information throughput to the National Weather Service and Local Authorities while minimizing congestion on telephone systems at these agencies.

Participation:

Any Licensed Amateur Radio Operator. National Weather Service Sky Warn training is encouraged but not required .

Structure:

Participants shall be divided into four levels of operation.

Net Control Operator:

This function will be performed by volunteer operators on a rotating roster for scheduled practice Nets and by the operator who activates the Net during significant weather events. The Net Control Operator will take check-ins from reporting stations and coordinate the collection of information. A log will be kept of network traffic to insure accuracy of information. To avoid fatigue related errors, each Net Control Operator shall serve for no longer than two contiguous hours. After two hours the Net Control Operator will hand off control to the next available Volunteer if possible.

Assistant Net Control Operator:

The Assistant Net Control Operator will take notes to provide redundancy of information in order to insure accuracy. The Assistant Net Control will provide telephone liaison to local authorities and the National Weather Service Sky Warn Hot line or website <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/StormReport/SubmitReport.php?site=EWX> as needed so as to allow the Net Control Operator to continue Net Control duties without interruption. This function will be performed by volunteer operators on a rotating roster for scheduled practice Nets and by any available operator during significant weather events. To avoid fatigue related errors, each Assistant Net Control Operator shall serve for no longer than two contiguous hours. After two hours the Assistant Net Control Operator will hand off control to the next available Volunteer if possible.

Liaison Station:

Liaison Stations will coordinate communications with amateurs on other bands, modes or frequencies and/or operators using other radio services i.e. MARS, CAP, GMRS, FRS, CB, MURS, if needed .

Reporting Station:

Preferably trained Sky Warn Spotters. Reporting Stations will observe and report significant weather events and conditions at their locations.

Check in Order:

Immediate:

Significant weather conditions currently are happening at this location.

Imminent :

Significant weather conditions can be expected at this location within the hour.

Stand-by:

No significant weather to report but station is monitoring and will change status as needed.

Preparation:

Preceding each scheduled Net, Net Control should obtain any bulletins from the National Weather Service and contact the Assistant Net Control Station to assure availability.

Date and Time:

Practice nets will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM local time. The net may be activated by any H.C.A.R.C. Member, at any time, in response to dangerous weather conditions.

Volunteering:

If you would like to volunteer as net control or assistant net control for one or multiple months, please e-mail AD5UZ@ARRL.net with your call sign, e-mail address and the month or months for which you wish to volunteer.

Skywarn Net Signup		2011
DATE	Net Control	Assistant Net Control
01/13/11	K5HV	W0LPD
02/10/11	KE5DDR	K5EWS
03/10/11	WB2PCV	N5PHI
04/14/11	KE5DDR	AD5UZ
05/12/11	AC4CA	WB2PCV
06/09/11	WD5ENH	AC4CA
07/14/11	K5HV	AC4CA
08/11/11	AC4CA	K5HV
09/08/11		
10/13/11		
11/10/11		
12/08/11		

H.C.A.R.C. Sky Warn Net Script.

To the Attention of all Amateur Radio Operators, This is the Hill Country Amateur Radio Club Sky Warn Net. Net Control for this session is (Your Call).

The purpose of this net is to encourage, support and practice safe, effective and efficient collection and reporting of information during significant weather events in the Kerr and surrounding counties of Texas.

This is a directed net, Please do not post traffic or make comments until directed to do so by the Net Control Operator.

Would the Assistant Net Control Station please check in now?

(Take Assistant Net Control Station check in and acknowledge)

All stations licensed to operate on this frequency are invited to participate in this net, Sky Warn training is not required but is recommended.

The National Weather Service has issued the following warnings for this area. (Read Bulletins if available)

We will now take check ins from stations with Immediate Reports, This would be if significant weather conditions are currently happening at your location. Please come with your call sign only.

(Take check-ins. Call each station in order of check-in.)

(Their Call) Please give us your report. (Log report, ask questions if needed)

(Repeat for each station. Ask Assistant Net Control Station to call in report if needed at this time.)

We will now take check ins from stations with Imminent Reports, This would be if significant weather conditions can be expected at your location within the hour. Please come with your call sign only.

(Take check-ins. Call each station in order of check-in.)

(Their Call) Please give us your report. (Log report, ask questions if needed)

(Repeat for each station. Ask Assistant Net Control Station to call in report if needed at this time.)

We will now take check ins from Stand-By Stations, This would be if significant weather conditions are not currently occurring at your location. Please come with your call sign only.

(Take check-ins. Call each station in order of check-in.)

(Their Call) Please give us your report. (Log report, ask questions if needed)

(Repeat for each station.)

To continue if needed

This Net will remain in operation until this weather event has past. All stations please check in with information as needed.

To close the Net

The H.C.A.R.C. Sky Warn net is now closed and the repeater will be returned to normal amateur operation . Thank you all for your participation. This is (your call).

