

## **MACON COUNTY SKYWARN NET CONTROL – Operating Guidelines**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- Remind operators to use Safe Operating Practices at all times.
- Read actual NWS bulletin of event if available.
- Maintain log of all events including time, date, location and station reporting.
- Forward reports to Nashville NWS via MTEARS or NWS Chat 2.0.

### **PREAMBLE:**

ATTENTION ALL STATIONS. This is (your Callsign, Name, Location), your Net Control Station for the MACON COUNTY SKYWARN Net. The SKYWARN Net is now placed in \_\_\_\_\_ (See Below) STATUS. (Read a description of Status below)

**STANDBY STATUS:** Severe weather is possible in the area. Amateurs should watch for signs of severe weather and monitor the ALPHA 12 repeater for further updates. Normal activity on this repeater is allowed, however, stations should keep all transmissions short to allow for break-ins. This is (your call sign).

**ACTIVE STATUS:** Severe weather is (present or imminent) in this area. Amateurs are asked to actively search for signs of severe weather and provide appropriate reports to Net control. This is a directed net and all stations are asked to transmit only when recognized by Net Control. Only Stations with legitimate severe weather reports, or emergency traffic should break into this net.

The only reports to be made are reports of tornadoes on the ground, funnel clouds, wall clouds, hail (any size), winds 35 mph or greater, flooding and other actual storm damage (OR REPORTS AS DIRECTED BY THE NWS). Reports not meeting these criteria should not be passed unless specifically requested by Net Control. This is (your call sign).

**EMERGENCY STATUS:** A state of emergency exists in the area due to (State nature of actual emergency, i.e., Tornado touch down, River flooding, etc.,). This a directed net. Net Control has ABSOLUTE CONTROL of the net. Transmissions on the repeater are PROHIBITED, unless made in response to a call by Net Control, or having life or death urgency. All

Amateurs should monitor the repeater for additional instructions. This is (your call sign).

**CONTINUITY ANNOUNCEMENT** (Read at least every 10 minutes) ATTENTION ALL STATIONS. This is (your Callsign, Name, Location), Net Control Station for the MACON COUNTY SKYWARN Net. A severe weather net is in (See Above) Status at this time. (Read a description of Status above)

**TO SECURE THE NET:**

ATTENTION ALL STATIONS. This is (your call sign), Net Control Station for the MACON COUNTY SKYWARN Net. We wish to thank all stations for their participation in this Severe Weather Net and the owners of the ALPHA 12 Repeater. The help is greatly appreciated. This net is secure at (time) local time. This is (your call sign).