



DUBOIS COUNTY SKYWARN

THE SKYWARN NET

March 5, 2020

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An informal Skywarn net is typically initiated as severe weather enters Southwest Indiana and presents a potential threat to Dubois County. When a Severe Thunderstorm or Tornado Warning is issued for Dubois County, a directed Skywarn Net commences and directed net procedures **must** be followed.

KEY ELEMENTS OF AN EFFECTIVE SKYWARN NET

NET CONTROL STATION:

- When a Severe Thunderstorm or Tornado Warning is issued:
 - Declare a directed net.
 - Take roll call for those not yet checked in.
 - Delegate Net Control function for particularly active situations.
- Solicit **SEVERE WEATHER** reports from participants.
- Relay severe weather reports to the NWS.
- Convey all transmissions in an abbreviated fashion.
- Keep repeater clear of unnecessary traffic
- Status check all units prior to closing the net.
- Keep spotter safety in mind at all times!

PARTICIPATING UNITS:

- Keep safety in mind at all times!
- Wait two seconds after the repeater's courtesy tone prior to transmitting.
- ID first, then stand by and wait to be addressed.
- Keep transmissions short and to the point.
- **Under warning situations please only report severe weather – tornados, funnel clouds, wall clouds, damaging wind, damaging hail, flooding, or storm damage.**
- Only pass factual information (*hail size, wind speed, location, etc.*).
- Don't shout into the microphone.
- Utilize the 444.675 MHz repeater (107.2 PL) for tactical traffic.
- Keep communications professional!