

GCARA SKYWARN NET CONTROL SCRIPT

The Skywarn Net should be activated if any of the following conditions exist:

1. A weather watch/warning for our area is announced on TV or NOAA Weather Radio.
2. A weather watch/warning is announced on the 162.525 repeater by KZZ33 (Mount Pleasant NWS.)
3. The Gratiot County Emergency Coordinator directs that the Net be activated.

The Net Control Operator (NCO) will convene the Net with the following announcement:

This is (**your callsign**), Gratiot Skywarn Net Control Operator. A (**give the NWS condition**) has been declared for this area. Storm Spotters are requested to monitor weather conditions in their immediate area and report the following to Net Control on the 145.370 repeater:

The NCO should ask for the following as appropriate:

Tornado or Funnel Cloud

Wall Cloud: rotating, non-rotating

Hail: Any size

Wind Damage: Trees and branches broken (give diameter), structural damage, etc.

Heavy Rain: 1 inch or more per hour

Heavy Snow: 1 inch or more per hour, accumulations of 2 inches or more

Flooding: Water over roadways, streams/rivers rising to 1 foot of bank full, over bank full, flood damage

The following announcement should be made if a TORNADO WARNING exists, or it could be made during other SEVERE WEATHER conditions at the discretion of the Net Control Operator.

This repeater is only to be used for emergency traffic during the Skywarn Net. No rag chewing will be allowed until the net is closed. Only emergency auto patches will be allowed during the time the Net is in session.

The NCO should repeat the above announcement at appropriate intervals to keep the frequency open and listeners aware that the Skywarn Net is in progress.

If Grand Rapids NWS is not monitoring the Net, the NCO should keep them informed of developing conditions by phone or informing Gratiot county Emergency Manager.

If not announced by the NWS on the 145.370 repeater, and when/if time permits, the NCO should announce the current conditions of the storm watch/warning over the repeater. The actual NWS script from TV, internet, or Weather Radio should be used. The NCO may delegate this task to a spotter with access to this information, who will make the announcement when called upon by the NCO. At some point, when/if the Net is not busy passing traffic, the NCO may ask for check-ins.

Storm Spotters please check into the Net now, with your callsign and location.

Acknowledge each Storm Spotter as they check in.

If anyone not involved in the Skywarn Net accesses the repeater when its use has been restricted by an NCO announcement, the NCO should inquire if they have emergency traffic:

(**Callsign**) , this is (**your callsign**), Net Control of the Gratiot County Skywarn Net. A clear frequency would be appreciated while the Net is in progress, do you have emergency traffic?

If so, ask them to pass their traffic.

When conditions necessary for the convening of the Net no longer exist, the NCO will close the Net with the following statement:

The (**give the NWS condition**) has expired. At this time we will start taking checkouts from the net.

Allow spotters to checkout of the net

The Gratiot County Skywarn Net is now closed.
Thank you for participating in the Net. This is (**your callsign.**)

Log Sheet

Gratiot County Skywarn Net

Net Control Operator: _____

Weather Condition: _____

Date: _____

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