

## STANDBY WEATHER WATCH MODE

Key up, ID and enter the code: (code: \_\_\_\_\_) to place the repeater in the stand-by weather watch mode.  
 Key up, ID and enter the code: (code: \_\_\_\_\_) to have the repeater send the pager tones. After the tones (the last tone is a DTMF "676"), key up and read the following without letting the repeater drop:

**This is (Call sign), for Cuyahoga County Skywarn. At time AM/PM, the National Weather Service Fill in the situation, explain watches and warnings). Break.**

Unkey and WAIT until after the Morse Code "S" courtesy tone (let the repeater drop carrier) to continue.

**We are currently in a Standby Weather Watch. The repeater is open for use, but we DO ask that ALL stations keep their transmissions short and that they leave LONG breaks between transmissions. If a station calls, please give them the repeater right away; they may have weather traffic to pass. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. This is (Call sign), for Cuyahoga County Skywarn.**

Repeat the above not more than once every 15 minutes, unless someone asks. Answer questions as needed.  
 NOTE: You are NOT a net control station at this time, because there is not an active Skywarn net in progress. So please do not identify yourself as a Net Control during Standby Weather Watch conditions. During a Standby Weather Watch you are a "Skywarn Representative". Monitor the NOAA Weather Radio, the District 2 Net, and/or the NWS Backbone net so that you are aware of what is going on in the outlying areas. Be prepared to distribute that information if needed. A Standby Weather Watch should be in effect anytime there are threatening weather conditions in counties adjacent to Cuyahoga, especially when the direction of movement of the threatening weather is expected to cause the weather to move into Cuyahoga County. By convention, a Standby Weather Watch shall be in effect if threatening weather is expected to affect Cuyahoga County within approximately one hour.

This is a good time to establish your Local Liaison to the District 2 Net or with North Central Ohio Skywarn if needed. Additionally, liaisons with neighboring Local Skywarn nets may be established if needed. Primary frequencies of the neighboring county nets are listed below:

County	Primary	PL/CTCSS	Back-up	PL/CTCSS
Lorain	147.150/+	110.9	147.700/-	110.9
Medina	147.030/+	141.3	147.030/+	88.5
Summit	146.640/-	110.9	147.135/+	110.9
Portage	145.390/R	110.9	145,680	
Geauga	147.015/+	110.9	147.210/-	110.9
Lake	147.210/-	110.9	147.015/+	110.9
District 2	145.230/-	110.9		
North Central Ohio Skywarn EMA Net	146.625/-	110.9		

## STANDING DOWN THE NET

Before standing down the net:

1. Have the Local Liaison contact District 2 and make sure that there is no further need to maintain local Net Operations. If you are acting as District 2 verify with NWS that the local net is no longer needed.
2. Check for any reports of significant weather or weather-related damage.

Close contact with District 2 or North Central Skywarn by formally signing out on the air with the Local Liaison. Close the Net by saying:

**This is (Call sign), Net Control for Cuyahoga County Skywarn. At this time we are standing down the Net. (Explain the current weather situation). I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that participated in the Net. Cuyahoga County Skywarn would also the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association for the use of its repeaters. Please stand by so the repeater can be returned to normal operations. (Call sign)**

Key up, ID and enter the code (Code: \_\_\_\_\_) to return the repeater to normal.

NOTE: If conditions that require a Directed Severe Weather Net have dissipated or have passed, but such conditions are expected to return within one hour. Net Control should stand down the Directed Severe Weather Net to a Standby Weather Watch.