

DIRECTED SEVERE WEATHER NET

A Directed Severe Weather Net shall be in effect whenever the following conditions exist:

1. NWS has requested it.
2. Severe Weather Warnings (not Watches) exist in Cuyahoga

Key up, ID and enter the code (Code: _____) to place the repeater into the Directed Weather Net Mode.

Key up, ID and enter the code (Code: _____) to tell the repeater to send the pager alert tones. After the tones (the last tone is a DTMF "676"), key up and read the following without letting the repeater drop:

This is (Callsign), Net Control for Cuyahoga County Skywarn. At (time AM/PM or hrs), the National Weather Service in Cleveland has issued a, _____ Warning for Cuyahoga County effective 'till (time AM/PM or hrs). Any station with emergency traffic only; please call now.

Handle all emergency traffic first. Wait about 45 seconds after handling all of the traffic and then read the following.

This is (callsign), Net Control for Cuyahoga county Skywarn. (Now read full text of warning and cities in the path of the storm.) Break.

This is a DIRECTED NET and all traffic will pass through Net Control. We are currently looking for reports of tornadoes, funnel clouds, wall clouds, winds in excess of 50 miles per hour, hail dime size or larger, flooding in progress and storm damage. Any station with reports of this nature, please call now.

Take reports as they come in.

Also check in with your liaison and make sure that he has contacted the District 2 net or North Central Ohio Skywarn Net. If District 2 is not present and there is no Liaison station on the air contact North Central Ohio Skywarn on 146.625 PL110.9 and pass the traffic to them or phone the reports in via phone. NWS **1-800-262-9683**.

If no reports coming in, the NCS may take check-ins. It is up to the NCS to make the decision on whether or not to take check-ins. If you do decide to take check-ins, take 3 at a time. Rapidly acknowledge the stations when they call. After you take the 3 check-ins check for severe weather traffic that may need to be passed. If there is no traffic, reevaluate the current situation and decide whether or not you should continue to take check-ins.

This is (Callsign), Net Control for Cuyahoga County Skywarn. At this time, the Net will accept check-ins. Any stations wishing to check-in please call with your callsign and location only.

Re-announce the warning about every 10 minutes. Do not read the full text of the warning after the first 10 minutes are up. If needed check with your Liaison about every 20 minutes for updates. If you are capable of giving radar updates, give updates as needed. Keep your spotters informed. Be flexible as to the nature of the reports you accept depending on the severity and proximity of the weather situation. For example, do not ask for checkins when there are many reports of storm damage coming into the net. You should be aware of what the approaching storm system has done as it has moved across the state. This information is available by monitoring the District 2 Net, NWS Backbone Net, or NOAA Weather Radio.

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As the storm approaches it is okay to note the passage of the gust front, and initial lightning conditions, even though NWS does not need this information. If severe conditions are developing or already exist, **STICK TO THE LIST** and **DO NOT TAKE CHECKINS!** The location of the gust front is not as important as tracking a funnel cloud or tornado.

Keep in mind that a tornado moving at 30 miles per hour will cover one-half mile of linear distance for each 60 seconds that you have the microphone keyed. In most locations in Cuyahoga County, this can mean 30 to 50 damaged or destroyed homes (depending on lot frontage), and lives at risk for each one. Make your transmissions short, sweet and to the point. A good example to follow is if it can't be said in less than 10 seconds, it shouldn't be said. Encourage your spotters to follow this pattern in making transmissions.

Once the storm passes and severe conditions have subsided, at your discretion you may become more flexible as to what reports you accept, or when to begin taking check-ins again.

FREQUENCIES:

DISTRICT 2	145.230/R PL 110.9	
Lorain	147.150/R PL 110.9	146.700/R
Medina	147.030 PL141.3	147.030 PL88.5
Summit	147.135 PL110.9	
Geauga	147.015 PL110.9	147.210 PL110.9
Lake	147.210 PL110.9	147.015 PL110.9
Back bone Net	52.680 PL107.2	Closed repeater
North Central Ohio Skywarn Lorain EMA net	146.625 PL 110.9	
Cuyahoga Back up repeaters	146.88 PL 110.9	442.125 PL 82.5