

## Wednesday Night Practice Net

This training and information net takes place every Wednesday night at 8:00 PM Local Time.

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**5-10 minutes prior to beginning the net** the repeater must be put into high power mode with an N tail (Mode M1) using the mini-op codes. You will be provided with these or a coordination team member will place the repeater in this mode:

**(Call Sign), with tones, (\_\_\_\_\_), (Call Sign)**

*The repeater should read back "M7"*

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**At 8:00 PM** key up and enter the code to set off the pager tones:

**(Call Sign), with tones, (\_\_\_\_\_)**

NOTE! Listen carefully as the tones go off. The last three tones are very short, (676) and you need to key up and start talking before the repeater drops.

**Attention all stations on frequency. This has been a test of the Cuyahoga County Skywarn Alert System. This is only a test. Break.**

Key up again before the repeater drops carrier.

**This is (call sign), net control for Cuyahoga County Skywarn. At this time we are holding our weekly practice net. This net is held for the purposes of passing Skywarn-related information, training, and for the testing of radio equipment. Break.**

**Cuyahoga County Skywarn supports severe weather spotters in and around Cuyahoga County. We collect severe weather reports and pass them to National Weather Service Forecasters in Cleveland, Ohio. Break.**

**This net is directed and open to ALL amateurs. Skywarn affiliation is NOT required and ALL stations are encouraged to check in. Break.**

(A trivia question is not required. It is the NCS's decision on whether or not to do a trivia question for the net they are running.)

**Before I begin taking check-ins, here is the trivia question for the week. Break.**

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**The net will first accept check-ins from mobile and emergency powered stations only. Please give your callsign, name, location, and whether or not you have traffic. Mobile and emergency powered stations please call now.**

Let some stations check in, acknowledge stations that did, and let stations know you listed their traffic if they had any.

**Any other mobile or emergency powered stations wishing to check in please call now.**

Read the trivia question again and allow stations that have checked in to make their guesses. After all stations of the first category have checked in move on to General check-ins.

**The net will now accept general check-ins. Please give your callsign, name, location, and whether or not you have traffic. General check-ins, please call now.**

Read the trivia question again and allow stations that have checked in to make their guesses. After all stations from the second category have checked in read the following.

**Before proceeding with traffic, I would like to remind all stations of the following Skywarn procedures. Cuyahoga County Skywarn's primary operations are on the 146.76 repeater with the 146.88 and the 442.125 repeaters as backups. The 146.76 and the 146.88 repeaters have a PL tone of 110.9. The 442.125 repeater uses a PL of 82.5. Break.**

**The "Standby Weather Watch" mode is activated anytime severe weather will threaten Cuyahoga County within an hour or so. This mode is identified by a Morse code "S", as in Sierra, courtesy tone. During a standby weather watch, the repeater is still open for normal amateur use, but all stations are asked to keep their transmissions short and let the repeater drop carrier before their next transmission. Break.**

**"Directed Severe Weather Nets" are activated anytime severe weather is observed within Cuyahoga County or the National Weather Service issues a severe weather WARNING for Cuyahoga County. This state is identified by a Morse code "W", as in whisky, courtesy tone. During a directed severe weather net, the repeater is closed and all traffic must pass through net control. Break.**

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Underlined words should have a short pause after them for clarity.

**Examples of NON-severe weather include, heavy lightning, gust front arrival, winds below 50 miles per hour, hail less than dime size, and measured rainfall reports. Break.**

**During a directed severe weather net, Cuyahoga County Skywarn will accept severe weather reports of the following nature; Tornados, Funnel Clouds, Wall Clouds, winds in excess of fifty miles per hour, hail dime size or larger, flooding in progress, and reports of storm damage. Break.**

**Are there any other stations wishing to check-in at this time?**

If there are, acknowledge them and proceed.

**At this time we will proceed with traffic.**

After all traffic has been passed, move on.

**Are there any other stations with questions or with additional traffic?**

If there are, acknowledge them, let them pass their traffic and/or answer their question.

**This is the last call for check-ins for this week's net.**

If there are any, proceed as before, if not, move on. IF you have elected to have a trivia question for the net, now would be a good time to give the answer to it.

**"Cuyahoga County Skywarn is using this repeater with the permission of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association. None of the comments, opinions, and/or statements made during the course of this net are to be construed as those of LEARA or its members. LEARA expressly disclaims any responsibility for its content. This net operates independently of, and is not under the control of LEARA except for technical requirements as specified in the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission. Any comments or suggestions concerning this net should be directed to the Cuyahoga County Skywarn Coordination Team."**

**Break.**

**Anyone wishing more information regarding this net or joining Cuyahoga County Skywarn as a Spotter, Net Control, or Liaison,**

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[www.ccsww.us](http://www.ccsww.us)  
Break.

**At this time, we would like to thank all stations for checking into tonight's net. We would also like to extend greatest appreciation to the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association and the trustees of the 442.125 repeater for allowing us the use of their repeaters for Skywarn functions. This is (Call Sign), net control. This net is now closed. All stations please stand by so that the repeater can be returned to normal operations.**

Use the mini-op codes to place the repeater in normal mode or a coordination team member will do it for you.

**(Call Sign), with tones, ( \_\_\_\_\_ ), (Call Sign)**

*The repeater should read back "M0", and have a normal courtesy tone. If not, repeat this step.*

**(Call Sign)**

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