



DUBOIS COUNTY SKYWARN

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An informal Skywarn net is typically initiated using FM/Analog on our Dubois County EMA 147.195 MHz repeater as severe weather approaches Southwest Indiana. When severe weather arrives locally and/or a Severe Thunderstorm or Tornado Warning is issued for Dubois County, a **directed Skywarn Net** commences using C4FM/Digital to ensure reliable communications with our **local EMA spotters** and directed net procedures **MUST** be followed. *If you plan on participating in the Dubois County Skywarn net, here are the operating guidelines and procedures.*

KEY GUIDELINES OF AN EFFECTIVE SKYWARN NET

NET CONTROL STATION:

- When Skywarn operations are underway the NCO is online, **LIVE** with the NWS office in Louisville, KY
- When a **Severe Thunderstorm Warning** or **Tornado Warning** is issued for Dubois County:
 - A directed net is initiated.
 - A roll call is taken for those not yet checked in.
 - Focus on **DUBOIS COUNTY** severe weather reports from **LOCAL SPOTTERS ONLY**, **DUBOIS COUNTY DISPATCH**, and our local weather stations
- The NCO relays **severe** weather reports to the NWS in Louisville.
 - We do **NOT** relay reports to NWS Paducah or Indianapolis who cover adjacent counties
- Keep local units and stations aware of storm location, movement, and severity
- Convey all transmissions in an abbreviated fashion
- Keep repeater clear of **ALL** unnecessary traffic
- Keep spotter safety in mind at all times!

PARTICIPATING UNITS:

- Keep safety in mind at all times!
- Allow two seconds between transmissions in case someone has emergency or priority traffic
- ID first, then stand by and wait to be addressed.
- Keep transmissions short and to the point.
- **Under warning situations only report severe weather:**
 - Tornadoes
 - Funnel Clouds
 - Wall Clouds
 - Damaging Winds
 - Damaging Hail
 - Flooding
 - Storm Related 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!