



# DUBOIS COUNTY SKYWARN

## THE SKYWARN NET

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### **THE SKYWARN NET:**

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:
  - We are **TOTALLY** focused on protecting lives and property in Dubois County
  - A directed net is initiated **using C4FM/Digital**.
  - A roll call is taken to identify available Dubois County EMA weather spotters.
  - While under a warning, focus on severe weather reports from **LOCAL SPOTTERS ONLY**
  - Monitor Dispatch & 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
- Keep repeater clear of **ALL** unnecessary traffic
- Maintain an activity log
- Keep spotter safety in mind at all times!

### **PARTICIPATING UNITS:**

- Keep safety in mind at all times!
- Directed net procedures must be followed
- 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 (58+ Mph)
  - Damaging Hail (1"+)
  - Flooding
  - Storm Related Damage
- Only pass factual information (*hail size, wind speed, location*).
- Keep communications professional!

Note: In the event the 147.195 MHz repeater becomes unavailable, the Skywarn net will use the best method available as defined in our RACES/PACE plan.