

West Georgia Amateur Radio Society Severe Weather Net

Criteria for starting a severe weather net:

1. surrounding counties have current thunderstorm or tornado warnings that appear to be immanently moving into any part of Carroll County
2. NWS has issued a thunderstorm or tornado warning for any part of Carroll County
3. any amateur radio operator that has eyes on knowledge or information of severe weather in Carroll County

Carroll County severe weather watch notification:

Any amateur radio operator that is prepared to start a severe weather net should (if able) announce any thunderstorm or tornado watch, as well as any special severe weather statement from the NWS for Carroll County. This should be announced every ten minutes. The operator needs to have current access to NWS bulletins so he/she can pass current information.

This severe weather notification may not be necessary if there does not appear to be an immediate or short term possibility of approaching severe weather.

PREAMBLE

Calling all stations. This is _____ (call sign & phonetically) of the West Georgia Amateur Radio Society, my name is _____ (also give name phonetically). (Log net start time)

At this time we are starting a formal session of the Carroll County Severe Weather Net. This is a directed net. All communications on this repeater are suspended except for weather net traffic and emergency traffic. If this repeater goes down, the net will immediately move to _____ simplex. All stations should monitor and stand by except to respond to calls from net control or report significant weather. Significant weather would include: a tornado, funnel cloud, wall cloud, pea sized hail (or larger), rainfall rates in excess of 1 inch per hour, flooding, wind speeds in excess of 35 mph, structure or property damage, and injuries.

I am now calling for check-ins to the West Georgia Amateur Radio Society Severe Weather Net. When checking in give your call, name, location, and if you are mobile.
(Log all check-ins).

Is there anyone who can serve as liaison to the National Weather Service, or another repeater if needed?
(Log station)

Does anyone have any severe weather to report? (Log if any reported)

Read any NWS bulletins if available.

ACTIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

(Should be announced every 5 minutes or if unwanted activity starts up on the frequency.)

Attention all stations this is _____ (your call) net control. We have an active severe weather net. This is a directed net. All stations should monitor and stand by except to respond to calls from net control or report significant weather. Significant weather would include: a tornado, funnel cloud, wall cloud, pea sized hail (or larger), rainfall rates in excess of 1 inch per hour, flooding, wind speeds in excess of 35 mph, structure or property damage, and injuries. Is there anyone wishing to check in to the West Georgia Severe Weather Net or report severe weather? If so call _____ net control.

NET CLOSE

Attention all stations. This is _____ (your call) net control. At this time the threat of severe weather has diminished for our area. I will now close the West Georgia Amateur Radio Severe Weather Net. I would like to thank everyone participating in this net. I am returning the repeater to normal use. This is _____ (your call) net control, clear. 73.

Network Control Operator Responsibilities:

The net control operator (NCO) will keep a written log of net activity and communication including but not limited to:

- Time of activation (local time).
- Reason for activation.
- Name & Call sign of NCO.
- Text of any warnings or watches.
- Synopsis of information known at the start of the net.
- Call sign and name of stations checking into the net and their location.
- Synopsis of condition reports from monitoring stations including time & location.
- Text of communication with National Weather Service including the call sign of relaying stations and time.
- Name and call sign of stations leaving net before net ends.
- Time net ends.
- Reason for net ending.