



Heart of TN. A. R. E. S., Inc.



SKYWARN Net Preamble

Severe Thunderstorm or Tornado **Watch:**

Calling all radio amateurs, calling all radio amateurs, Calling the Heart of Tennessee Amateur Radio Emergency Service® Skywarn Net.

This is <call sign phonetically>, <name>, your Net Control Station. **This net is being activated under Net Condition Bravo due to the threat of severe weather.**

“Is there a Heart of Tennessee ARES station that will be available as secondary or backup net control for the net?”

“Is there a Heart of Tennessee ARES station that will be available as liaison to the MTEARS WEATHER net with the National Weather Service linked repeater system or via telephone, with preference to direct contact through the ARES operating positions at the National Weather Service?” Please call <call sign>.

All reports to the net should follow the National Weather Service SKYWARN reporting criteria.

If anyone has Urgent or High Priority reportable weather conditions please call now.

(If there are reportable weather conditions, ask if there is anyone on frequency who can relay the information to the National Weather Service and handle in the most expedient way possible.)

If no response:

This is <call sign>. The National Weather Service has issued a <indicate information known about the warning issued by NWS, i.e., “severe thunderstorm warning until XXXX local time”> which requires Spotter activation. Please review the Heart of TN. ARES® SKYWARN Operations Plan (OPLAN-100) for information on reportable weather conditions and only report conditions according to the plan or as instructed by the NCS or weather service liaison station.

This is a directed net. Please do not transmit unless directed to do so by Net Control. If you must leave the net for any reason, please request to secure from net control.



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Tactical communications will be used during this net to expedite the reporting of severe weather conditions. Tactical call signs will be used as prescribed in the SKYWARN Operations Plan.

If you need to pass emergency traffic, please do not hesitate to notify Net Control by calling BREAK-BREAK. This net is open to anyone licensed to operate on this frequency, and participating in the National Weather Service's SKYWARN Spotter program. We will break for anyone with Urgent or High Priority reportable events. Please call <call sign>. (If so, handle as above.)

(If there is a reportable event to RCEMA, ask for someone willing to relay information to Rutherford County personnel.)

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Calling all radio amateurs, calling all radio amateurs, Calling the Heart of Tennessee Amateur Radio Emergency Service® SKYWARN Net.

This is <call sign phonetically>, <name>, your Net Control Station. **This net is being activated under Net Condition Code Charlie (or Delta) due to the report of severe weather.**

(If the net has been moved from a Condition Code Bravo, there will not be a need to establish an ANCS or MTEARS liaison. Those positions will have already been established. If not, then do so now.)

NOTE: If there has been a report of property loss or destruction, or a report of personal injury or possible loss of life move the net Condition Code IMMEDIATELY to Condition Code Delta and Maintain UTMOST DISCIPLINE during the remainder of the net.

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“Is there a Heart of Tennessee ARES station that will be available as liaison to the MTEARS WEATHER net with the National Weather Service linked repeater system or via telephone, with preference to direct contact through the ARES® operating positions at the National Weather Service? Please call <call sign>.”

The National Weather Service has issued a <indicate information known about the warning issued by NWS, i.e., “tornado watch until XXXX local time”>. Please



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review the Heart of Tennessee ARES® SKYWARN Operations Plan (OPLAN-100) for information on reportable weather conditions and only report according to the plan.

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Tactical communications will be used during this net to expedite the reporting of severe weather conditions. Tactical call signs will be used as prescribed in the SKYWARN Operations Plan.

If you need to pass emergency traffic, please do not hesitate to notify Net Control by calling **BREAK-BREAK**. This net is open to anyone licensed to operate on this frequency, and participating in the National Weather Service's SKYWARN Spotter program.

At this time we will take Spotter check-ins. **If you have conditions meeting any reportable criteria, you may indicate those conditions for general information to the net. Only conditions in the Urgent or High Priority categories will be reported to the National Weather Service.** Check in by giving your call sign phonetically, and location. Please call **<call sign>**.

(If there is a reportable event to RCEMA, ask for someone willing to relay information to Rutherford County personnel.)

Periodic Announcement:

This is **<name>**, **<call sign phonetically>**, Net Control Station. This net is operating under Condition Code **<Bravo, Charlie or Delta>** due to the threat of severe weather. The National Weather Service has issued a **<indicate information known about the warning issued by NWS, i.e., "severe thunderstorm warning until XXXX local time">**. Please review the Heart of Tn. ARES® SKYWARN Operations Plan for information on reportable weather conditions and only report according to the plan unless otherwise directed. **(If Condition Code Charlie or Delta, add:)** At this time we will take Spotter check-ins. Check in by giving your call sign phonetically, and location. Please call **<call sign>**.

Net Closing:

At this time, we would like to take general check-ins of stations that have not previously identified themselves. Please check in by giving your call sign phonetically, name and location. Please call **<call sign>**.



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After all check-ins are complete:

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in this severe weather net. This concludes this emergency activation of the ARES net for severe weather activities. We wish to thank the W4CAT/KB4ZOE Repeater Group for the use of the repeater during this threat condition. This is <call sign> through the W4CAT/KB4ZOE repeater system closing the net at <time> hours local and returning the repeater to normal operation.