

Skywarn Activation Via Amateur Radio

Our NOAA WX Service Office in Ruskin recommends amateurs do the following during a "Directed Skywarn" net session on a repeater:

- Be brief & concise. Repeater time is valuable during severe weather.
- When calling the NOAA WX Service Office:
 - Give your Name, Callsign and Spotter ID.
 - Use (t)ime, (e)vent, (l)ocation method.
- Report to NOAA the following:
 - Winds: 35+ mph
 - Rainfall: 2+ inches per hrs
 - Flooding
 - Any size hail (use numismatic & ball sizes) not subjective ones like (moth balls or marbles).
 - Tornadoes
 - Weather caused damage.
 - Street and Bridge closures
 - Barometer readings (during tropical activity).
- It's requested from our NOAA WX Service Office that we not report non-severe weather like:
 - "It's cloudy with light rain"
 - "The rain is letting up here"

NOAA WX Service Office has radar and knows where precipitation is occurring. Such reports tie up valuable repeater air time!

Finally please turn off:

- "Roger-Beeps"
- "Wires"
- "DTMF"

These interfere with your severe weather reporting to the NCS.

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