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**SKYWARN NET CONTROL COLD WEATHER SCRIPT**

**Skywarn is only activated at the direction of the Nassau County Skywarn Coordinator or Deputy Coordinator. When active, the net will operate using the call, WX2LI.**

**PRE-NET ACTIVITIES**

- *Announce that a net will be convened and ask people to clear the frequency.*
- *Have paper and pencils handy! DO NOT LOG TO COMPUTER!!!*
- *Nassau Skywarn Coordinator and Deputy discuss duties with NC station(s)*
  - *NWS Liason*
  - *Liason to other counties*
  - *Coordinate with NC ARES –DEC or Assist. DEC*
  - *Establish an alternative NCS station before launch*
- *Prepare quick 30 second briefing based on the NWS watch or warning.*
- *Cold weather events, unlike warm weather events, tend to happen more slowly and with more notice. They also tend to run longer.*
- *The NWS may make requests for specific data to be collected. The Coordinator or Deputy will make you aware of this.*

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**PREAMBLE**

This is \_\_\_\_\_ (Call Sign), Net Control Station for **WX2LI** My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am located in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (Village/Town). I will be convening a net on behalf of Nassau County Skywarn.

## **IF A WATCH HAS BEEN ISSUED**

### **Calling the Nassau County Weather Net, calling the Nassau County Weather Net...**

The National Weather Service office in Upton, NY has indicated that there is a THREAT for SEVERE WEATHER within Nassau County. (Read the list of watches and warnings if possible) SKYWARN is in Standby mode, and the repeater may be used by amateurs. It is requested that transmissions be kept short and breaks given to permit severe weather reports to reach SKYWARN. Casual weather observations that do not meet reporting criteria are acceptable. If conditions merit, this net convert to a directed net.

## **IF A WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED OR CONDITIONS MERIT**

### **Calling the Nassau County Skywarn Net, calling the Nassau County Skywarn Net...**

The National Weather Service in Upton, NY has indicated that SEVERE WEATHER IS OCCURRING or WILL OCCUR within Nassau County. (Read the list of watches and warnings if possible) SKYWARN is currently activated as a directed net. All transmissions are to be made at the direction and discretion of Net Control. Please do not call Net Control to report weather that does not meet NWS reporting standards.

*If the situation is urgent, do not read the list of criteria.*

#### *List of criteria*

- Snow accumulation in inches as requested or as scheduled
- Any ice accumulation on trees, streets, or power lines
- Sleet or freezing rain
- Wind gusts in excess of 35 miles per hour
- Downed trees, large branches, or power lines, or any other storm-related damage.
- Impassable or closed roads
- Thunder or lightning

When reporting severe weather, please be as precise as possible and be sure to provide the location and time. Remember- L.E.T- Location, Event and Time makes for a good report. Be prepared to answer follow-up questions.

If this repeater becomes unavailable, please QSY to 147.135, PL 136.5. If you observe severe weather and are unable to join the net, please contact the NWS directly using the information on your Spotter ID card.

## **CALL FOR CHECK-INS**

The net will now call for stations to check in. When checking into the net, please call this station WX2LI, drop your carrier to check for doubling, then after a slight pause, please provide only your call sign, Skywarn number if you have one and the village where you are located. Any station with traffic for the net, please say, "with traffic."

After checking into the net, please advise Net Control if you need to leave the net and let us know if and when you are again available.

Please speak slowly, and clearly. We will continue to take check-ins until no more stations trying to join are heard.

*Acknowledge the stations that have checked in.*

### **ALLOW TRAFFIC TO BE PASSED**

*Call stations that have listed traffic and have them pass their traffic.*

### **ONGOING NET ACTIVITIES**

*Identify every 10 minutes as your call sign as NCS for WX2LI and indicate the type of weather and if the net is directed or non-directed. Remind everyone that if this repeater fails, QSY to 147.135 PL 136.5.*

*When taking reports- get time, location, and quantifiable data: Size, speed, direction, depth, and the like. Always ask about winds when getting other information. L.E.T Location – Event – Time!!!*

*Be firm, yet polite with stations that are having trouble following your direction. You may request that any station that does not abide by repeated requests for decorum to secure from the net.*

*Depending on conditions- use your discretion in loosening or tightening the rules. This is especially important for long running cold weather events.*

*Review the list of reportable severe weather criteria periodically as well as the schedule for snow measurement reports.*

*Remember that while we are operating that others may be listening. This includes the media, adjoining Skywarn groups, county and town agencies, etc.*

*Answer inquiries, but **do not give out the Upton 800 number** over the air.*

### **CLOSING**

*When conditions merit, the Coordinator or Deputy Coordinator will direct you to secure the Skywarn Net.*

At this time, weather conditions permit this Skywarn Net to be secured. I wish to thank the following stations for their participation today:

On behalf of the Upton National Weather Service Office and the leadership of Nassau County Skywarn, I thank the following stations for their dedication and participation:

*Please list the stations that have checked into the net*

I would also like to thank WB2WAK (or WB2CYN) for the use of the repeater. Please join us on the Nassau County SKYWARN Training Net that meets every Sunday evening at 7:45 PM local time, on the 146.805 repeater. For more information, please visit us on the web at [www.nassauskywarn.net](http://www.nassauskywarn.net).

This net is now closed and I return the repeater back to casual amateur use.

This is \_\_\_\_\_, Net Control Station for WX2LI. 73 to all and safe spotting! OUT.

