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Brookhaven National Laboratory Amateur Radio Club SKYWARN
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INTRODUCTION:

The purpose is to introduce the formality of the directed net to Skywarn members and exercise the required information exchanges, making real events as smoothly as possible.

PROCESS:

Several minutes prior to the scheduled training net, monitor the BNL Amateur Radio Club (BNL ARC) repeater for traffic. If there is a discussion in progress, exercise courtesy and request the traffic give up the channel for a few minutes.

Use the following script to proceed with the net:

CQ, CQ, CQ calling together the Brookhaven National Laboratory Amateur Radio Club SKYWARN Training Net.

This is _____ (Call Sign) the Net Control Station for this afternoon's session of the Brookhaven National Laboratory Amateur Radio Club SKYWARN Training Net. My name is _____ and I am located in _____ (Building number if on site or Village/Town if not).

Before continuing with this net, are there any stations with Emergency or priority traffic at this time? **(Let carrier drop)**

This net meets every Thursday at noon and is convened in support of the National Weather Service office in Upton New York's SKYWARN program. The purpose is to disseminate information and provide training for BNLARC members and local amateur radio operators in order to collect direct weather observation data and provide this information to the National Weather Service office at located in Upton NY. **(Let carrier drop)**

All amateur radio operators are welcome to check into the net, whether you are SKYWARN trained or not.

This is a Directed Net, and as such all transmissions are to be made through Net Control. You are asked that once you check into the net, that you do not leave without first informing Net Control. **(Let carrier drop)**

Please do not break into the net without direction from net control. If you do have an emergency during the net please state the word "emergency" followed by your call and the frequency will be turned over to you for the duration of the emergency. If you have information for the net please use the word "info" followed by your call. If you have a question for the net please use the word "query" followed by your call. **(Let carrier drop)**

The net will call for stations to check in using two specific groups. Please check in when your group is called. **(Let carrier drop)**

When checking into this net, please use the hesitation method. The procedure is as follows: say "THIS IS ...". Release your push to talk switch to see if you are doubling with anyone. If you do not hear anyone else talking then proceed to give your call-sign phonetically, using the standard ITU phonetic alphabet, your name, your SKYWARN Spotter ID Number (if assigned), your location and a brief visual weather observation. Also state if you have any information dealing with SKYWARN communications for the net by saying "I have traffic", then stand by and wait for net control to acknowledge you before doing anything else within the net. **(Let carrier drop)**

Please speak clearly and slowly. There is no need to hurry. The check-ins for both groups will be repeated until there are no more check-ins heard.

Stations with SKYWARN Numbers, regardless of location, please check in now. **(Let carrier drop)**

(If there are stations that are unfamiliar, ask for their name and location.)

(When check in is complete say, "The Net recognizes the following stations....." Repeat the stations as logged.)

Stations without SKYWARN Numbers, regardless of location, please check in now.

(After check in is complete say, "The Net recognizes the following stations....." Repeat the stations as logged.)

(Next, recognize any stations with Traffic and Comments, including Announcements / events / schedule nets to speak. Allow them to speak in the order they checked in.)

(Follow-up with additional announcements, changes in protocols or NWS news.)

This will be the last call for check-ins to the Brookhaven National Laboratory Amateur Radio Club SKYWARN Net. "Stations who have not checked please check in now.

(After check in is complete say, "The Net recognizes the following stations....."
Repeat the stations as logged)

(After all check-ins, announcements and traffic is passed)

This concludes the Brookhaven National Laboratory Amateur Radio Club SKYWARN Training Net. I would like to thank all those who have checked into the net today for their participation and support for this SKYWARN Weather Communications Network.

In the event of an anticipated or actual severe weather emergency, all available SKYWARN operators are asked to standby their designated frequencies for instructions.

(Let carrier drop)

Please be sure to visit Brookhaven National Laboratory Amateur Radio Club, SKYWARN web page at www.arc.bnl.gov..

This net meets every Thursday at noon local time, on the 442.400 repeater. This net is secure at _____(time) and I will now return the repeater back to its normal amateur use.

(Let carrier drop)

This is _____, Net Control wish all 73's, Have a good day and safe weather spotting.

