

DARC Weather Training Net Script

Attention all amateurs this net, this is the Du Page Amateur Radio Club Station, W9DUP, calling to order a "Severe Weather and Emergency Training Net". Net Control today is _____, my name is _____ and I am located in _____.

This Training Net meets in concert with the DuPage County EmComm Net on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, at 8 P.M. local time during the months of February through August and on the 1st Tuesday during the months of January, September, October, November and December.

This Net may be activated anytime there is an imminent threat of severe weather in the Du Page County area. This will take precedence over any other Net and be involved in passing information to and from the National Weather Service Office in Romeoville.

THE CURRENT HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK IS:

Read the latest National Weather Service Severe Weather Summary at:
www.crh.noaa.gov/hazards/lot

This is a directed Net, all check-ins and communications need to go through the Net Control Station. All stations, with or without traffic are invited to check-in. Since this Net is related to public safety, we ask that you remain on frequency as long as possible. Notify Net Control when you're leaving (or returning to) the frequency or changing your location. Always contact the NC when you're leaving the net.

During severe weather net activations, all stations should monitor the 2M primary repeater, as well as the DARC [442.550 MHz (+) PL 114.8] repeater. Should the primary repeater go off the air, the Net Control will announce (on the backup frequency) that the net will continue on the backup repeater. Should both the primary and the secondary repeaters fail, check-ins should then tune to the N9ATO [443.900 MHz (+) PL 114.8] repeater. In the event the Net Control Station goes down, the Net Administrator will pick-up and run the net.

When checking in, *call W9DUP*, wait for the reset tone and then give your call; slowly and phonetically. After the Net Control acknowledges you, please respond with the following information: your name, location, if you're a trained WX spotter, if you're Base, (do you have emergency power?), if you're Mobile or Portable (are you APRS equipped?) and do you have traffic for the NET.

At the conclusion of the Net there will be a check out roll call.

Stations with severe WX or emergency traffic, call W9DUP now.

Any station on short-time, call W9DUP now.

Any station wishing to check-in, please call W9DUP now.

Additional stations wishing to check-in to the Severe Weather and Emergency Training Net, call W9DUP now?

Severe Weather Reports are sightings of:

- Hail (report pea size, only if you can confirm “substantial ground coverage”)
- Heavy damaging winds (damage: structures, trees, downed wires, streets blocked)
- Flooding (standing water traceable back to waterways out of their banks, flooded intersections due to inadequate drainage should be reported to local Public Works)
- Flash flooding (of any volume, provide speed, depth and direction estimates)
- Storm rotation (using mid-level storm clues if distance precludes observation)
- Wall Clouds (rotating or otherwise)
- Funnel Clouds (estimate distance to the ground, if possible)
- Tornadoes (tornadoes are by definition “on-the-ground”)

Reports not meeting any of these criteria should not be sent, unless specifically requested by Net Control.

All legitimate severe weather reports should contain:

- TIME OF EVENT
- LOCATION
- THE ACTUAL EVENT

Time: is the time you observed the event. If you didn't see it, don't report it as such.

Location: is the exact location of the event. Use street names, cross-streets, highway numbers, mile-markers anything that can be pinpointed on a map. Also give the city or town and the county.

Event: is the severe weather situation that is taking place. It must fit one of the criteria mentioned.

Does any one have any traffic, questions or comments for the net?

With no additional traffic, questions or comments, I'll close the net.

I will now call for check-out to the net. Please respond by only giving your call after I give your call. *Call the log*

Thank you for participating in this Training Net. This is _____ now closing the Net at _____. Please stand by while I deactivate Net mode.