

ACTIVE MODE SCRIPT - Tones

Generally Three or Four Severe Thunderstorm Warnings with Multiple
Received Reports or One or More Tornado Warnings
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Note: The CCS NCO will announce warning information every 5-10 minutes or as needed and monitor the frequency for reports for criteria severe weather. Please use your call sign or, if at the NWS, WX4NC.

Bring up the SKYWARN courtesy tones.

Announce:

This is [call sign] for Central Carolina SKYWARN. SKYWARN is in active mode; active mode means this is a directed net, and all traffic should be directed to net control. The National Weather Service has issued a [insert appropriate warning – severe thunderstorm or tornado] warning effective until [time] for [county names].

(Read details of warning.)

Remember, a warning means severe weather is imminent or occurring based on radar and/or ground reports.

The National Weather Service is looking reports of severe weather. Reports should include the following criteria:

- Hail - any size initially; then penny size, 3/4" diameter or larger thereafter
- Measured wind speeds of GREATER than 50 mph
- Flooding and flash-flooding where none normally occurs
- Rotating wall clouds, funnel clouds or tornadoes
- Damage caused by high winds such as
 - Downed limbs or trees and their approximate diameter
 - Building & roof damage

SKYWARN will monitor this frequency for reports of severe weather.

Please stay tuned to NOAA weather radio or local media for further information and updates.

We are operating on the WB4TQD 146.88 repeater. Our first back up is the K4ITL 147.105 repeater with a tone of 82.5 Hz. This repeater is located in Broadway, NC.

Our second back up is the K4ITL 147.135 repeater with a tone of 82.5 Hz. This repeater is located in Chapel Hill, NC.

Our third backup is the Carolina 440 UHF Link System. Those frequencies can be found at www.carolina440.net.

This is [call sign] for Central Carolina SKYWARN standing by for spotter reports of severe weather that meets criteria.

NOTES:

- Take any severe weather reports and log them OR pass them to the NWS liaison, if available.
- Call the NWS with reports of criteria severe weather. At the conclusion of the net, send a final report to the NWS by email at rah.reports@noaa.gov and to nc4va@nc.rr.com and woods@pipeline.com.
- In the event of extreme weather such as a confirmed tornado on the ground, you may seek reports from the affected area only and ask stations in other locations to hold their spotter reports as needed. Ex. **“We have a confirmed report of a tornado on the ground in [insert location]. We are requesting reports from the affected area only. Other stations, please hold your normal SKYWARN reports at this time.”** When the tornado has dissipated, ask stations in other locations for their severe weather reports, if appropriate. Follow other active mode procedures
- Return to stand by mode as weather conditions dictate.

To conclude SKYWARN activity, say:

This is [call sign] with Central Carolina SKYWARN. The severe weather threat for the CCS coverage area has diminished, and we will conclude the net at this time. On behalf of the SKYWARN program, we would like to thank the Piedmont Coastal Repeater Network for the use of the repeater. We would also like to thank the amateur community for giving SKYWARN traffic priority and all storm spotters who have participated. I am now returning the repeater to normal amateur use.

Give your call sign or WX4NC if at the NWS.
Bring down the SKYWARN courtesy tones.
Give your personal call sign and say clear.