

# **STANDBY – No Tones**

## **Severe Thunderstorm and Tornado Watches**

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Note: The CCS NCO will announce watch information every 15 - 30 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.

Announce:

This is [call sign] with Central Carolina SKYWARN. The National Weather Service has issued a [insert type of watch – severe thunderstorm or tornado] watch effective until [time] for [county names].

(Read details of watch.)

Remember, a watch means conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop in and around the watch area.

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

- Hail - any size initially; then penny size,  $\frac{3}{4}$ " 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 .

We will be in Standby Mode; that means this is a non-directed net, and the repeater is free for normal amateur activity. We ask that stations leave longer breaks between transmissions for any SKYWARN traffic.

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](http://www.carolina440.net).

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

**NOTES:**

- If the NWS issues a severe thunderstorm warning, please activate the SKYWARN tones. Remain in Standby mode and use the Standby with Tones Script if there are few or no reports. If there are numerous reports and a directed net is needed, go to Active Mode and use the Active Mode Script. If a Tornado Warning is issued, go to Active Mode and use the Active Mode Script.
- Refer to the following website for weather reports:  
[www.weather.gov/rah](http://www.weather.gov/rah) or <http://mesonet.agron.iastate.edu/iembot/>.
- 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 by email to the NWS at [rah.reports@noaa.gov](mailto:rah.reports@noaa.gov) and to [nc4va@nc.rr.com](mailto:nc4va@nc.rr.com) and [woods@pipeline.com](mailto:woods@pipeline.com).

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 now conclude SKYWARN activity 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 and say clear.