

WEATHER NET PREAMBLE FOR DEKALB EOC

Calling all radio amateurs. This is KB4EMA at the DeKalb County Emergency Operations Center. My name is <**your name**>.

At this time we are opening a formal session of the DeKalb County Weather Net in response to severe weather in the DeKalb County area. This net provides support to local government agencies and the National Weather Service. All participation is appreciated. This is a formal, directed net and all traffic should be directed to net control, KB4EMA. Normal amateur use of this repeater is suspended for the duration. Stations with emergency traffic should break in at any time.

We will be taking check-ins shortly, beginning with a roll call of stations checked in to any informal session of this net. Stations not yet checked in should do so following the roll call by giving their callsign, name, and location. If you are mobile, please say so. We will also be asking for an alternate net control station in the event the primary net control station cannot continue, and liaison stations with the North Alabama Southern Middle Tennessee Skywarn Net on 147.36 MHz, and the Alabama Emergency Net Mike on 3.965 MHz. Please stand by.

All stations should monitor the frequency and stand by during the net except to:

- check in;
- respond to queries from the net; or
- report significant events.

Significant events typically include personal observations of:

- Tornado;
- Funnel cloud;
- Wall cloud;
- Pea-size hail (or larger);

- Rainfall rates in excess of 1 inch per hour;
- Wind speeds in excess of 50 mph;
- Structure damage; and
- Injuries.

If sightings of tornadoes or funnel clouds are reported, other stations should hold reports of less threatening events for a break in action. All reports will be relayed to the National Weather Service and/or local government agencies, as appropriate.

Net participants should exercise good judgment when participating in severe weather-related activities. Your safety is a critical concern. You should always make safety your first priority before, during and after any activities related to net operations. Seek shelter when appropriate and provide reports to the net only when it is safe to do so.

In the event that this repeater fails, the Rainsville repeater (147.47 MHz, minus 600 KHz offset; 77 Hz tone) is the designated backup frequency. The secondary backup frequency is 146.52 MHz simplex (no tone) should conditions make both repeaters unusable. If the EOC is unable to direct the net we will need an alternate net control station. Any station wishing to act as alternate net control please call now.... <pause>

We need to designate a liaison station with the North Alabama, Southern Middle Tennessee Skywarn Net if it is activated. Stations wishing to serve as liaison to this net must be capable of accessing the 147.36 MHz repeater in Section, Alabama. If you would like to serve as a liaison station, please call now<pause>

We also need to designate a liaison station with the Alabama Emergency Net Mike on 3.965 MHz. If you have 75m SSB capability and would like to serve as a liaison station to this net, please call now<pause>

OTHER NETS

Under some circumstances we may need to establish liaison stations with D-Star nets, other neighboring counties' nets, local area shelter nets, etc. If this is the case, other liaison stations can be solicited at this point.

Before we conduct a roll call, are there any stations with emergency or priority traffic? If so please call now....<**pause for traffic**>

This is KB4EMA at the DeKalb County EOC. My name is <**your name**>.

In order to save time, we will verify that stations checked in to the preliminary net are still present. If you checked in earlier, when you hear your callsign simply respond with your callsign and any changes in your location or status.

<**roll call of pre-registered stations**>

This is KB4EMA at the DeKalb County EOC.

We will now take check-ins from new stations wishing to participate in the DeKalb County Weather Net. When checking in please give your callsign, name, and location. If you are mobile, please say so. Check-ins will be taken by callsign suffixes.

Stations with callsign suffixes beginning Alpha through Hotel please call now....

<**pause**>

Stations with callsign suffixes beginning India through Quebec please call now....

<**pause**>

Stations with callsign suffixes beginning Romeo through Zulu please call now....

<pause>

Have we missed anyone? Any station not yet checked in please call now....

<pause>

This is KB4EMA at the DeKalb County EOC.

We will now read the text of Watch and Warning bulletins from the National Weather Service:

<read bulletins>

Does anyone have any questions or need any fills? <pause, provide answers and fills>

The following may be used periodically to identify the net and to ask for late check-ins.

This is KB4EMA at the DeKalb County EOC. The DeKalb County Weather Net is in formal session. This is a directed net and all traffic should be passed through net control, KB4EMA. Additional stations wishing to check in please call now.... <pause>

NET DEACTIVATION

When conditions allow, the net will be deactivated. Suggested text follows.

Conditions have changed to the point that net operations are no longer needed. We will now take a roll call of stations currently present before closing the net. When your callsign is given, please acknowledge by repeating your callsign.

<roll call>

This formal session of the DeKalb County Weather Net is closed at **<local time>**. We thank everyone for their participation. The DeKalb County Amateur Radio Club's repeater, W4GBR, is now returned to normal amateur use. This is KB4EMA clear.

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