

WEATHER NET PREAMBLE FOR DEKALB EOC – INFORMAL NET

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

At this time we are opening an informal weather net in anticipation of possible severe weather that may develop in the DeKalb County area in the near future. This is an informal net and the W4GBR repeater is still available for normal amateur use.

Operators are requested to be alert for changing weather conditions and are encouraged to report significant weather events to net control.

In the event that severe weather develops in the area this net will enter a formal session, and normal use of the repeater will be suspended for the duration.

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.

If this repeater fails during the net, 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.

[The following paragraph can be used as periodic announcement.]

Again, this is **<your call or KB4EMA>** at the DeKalb County Emergency Operations Center **<or your location>**. My name is **<your name>**. An informal session of the DeKalb County Weather Net has been opened; however the repeater is still available for normal amateur use. Operators are requested to be alert for, and to report significant weather events.

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 indicate this during check-in. Should we enter into a formal session of the net, we will also ask for a liaison to the Alabama Emergency Net Mike on 3.965 MHz.

We will now take check-ins for this informal session of the DeKalb County Weather Net. Stations wishing to check in should give their callsign, name, location, and whether you are at a fixed location or mobile.

All stations with any callsign 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.

<roll call>

This informal session of the DeKalb County Weather Net is closed at <local time>. We thank everyone for their participation. This is KB4EMA clear.

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