

SCARES

Shelby County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

Severe Weather Net Script

Standby Status

- A severe weather warning has been issued in an adjoining county and is likely to impact Shelby County, or
- A severe weather watch has been activated in Shelby County.

I. Place the net in **STANDBY STATUS** by announcing:

Attention all stations, this is **[call sign]** activating the Shelby County Emergency Net in **standby** status **[give reason for activation as described at the top of this page]**. Radio amateurs should report severe weather to Net Control. Normal activity on this repeater is allowed; however, stations should keep transmissions short and leave longer than usual pauses between transmissions to allow for break-ins for weather-related traffic. In case of repeater failure, this net will move to our alternate repeater at 147-point-320 MHz.

II. Call for:

- Emergency Traffic
- Priority Traffic
- Severe weather reports (winds 58mph or greater, hail the size of a quarter or larger, flooding, funnel clouds, tornadoes on the ground)
- Damage reports

III. Call for backup and liaison stations (note on Emergency Net Station Log):

- Is there an alternate Net Control Station on frequency (note on Emergency Net Station Log)?
- Are there any served agencies on frequency (note on Emergency Net Station Log)?
- Are there any liaison stations to other nets or the National Weather Service on frequency (note on Emergency Net Station Log)?

IV. Check-ins (at the discretion of the NCS, note check-ins on Emergency Net Station Log):

- I will now take check-ins. Please give your call sign using Standard ITU Phonetics, your name, and your location. If mobile, please state your location and direction of travel.
- Begin with mobile or portable stations
- All other stations

V. Continuity (every 10 minutes, or as needed):

- The Shelby County Emergency Net is in **standby** status for possible severe weather
- Do we have any stations with Emergency Traffic?
- Do we have any stations with Priority Traffic?
- Do we have any severe weather reports?
- Do we have any damage reports?
- Does anyone wish to check in to the net?
- Normal activity on this repeater is allowed; however, stations should keep transmissions short and leave longer than usual pauses between transmissions to allow for break-ins for weather-related traffic. In case of repeater failure, this net will move to our alternate repeater at 147-point-320 MHz. This is **[call sign]**, Net Control Station.

Active / Directed Status

- A severe weather warning has been issued for Shelby County, or
- Severe weather has been reported in Shelby County (winds 58mph or greater, hail the size of a quarter or larger, flooding, funnel clouds, tornadoes on the ground)

I. Place the net in ACTIVE STATUS by announcing:

Attention all stations, this is [call sign] activating the Shelby County Emergency Net in **active** status. [Give reason for activation as described at the top of this page.] The Net Control Station will direct all traffic on this net. Only stations with severe weather reports or emergency or priority traffic should break into this net. Severe weather is defined as winds 58mph or greater, hail the size of a quarter or larger, flooding, funnel clouds, or tornadoes on the ground. Reports not meeting these criteria should not be passed unless specifically requested by Net Control. This is [call sign], Net Control Station.

II. Call for:

- Emergency Traffic
- Priority Traffic
- Severe weather reports (winds 58mph or greater, hail the size of a quarter or larger, flooding, funnel clouds, or tornadoes on the ground)
- Damage reports
- Do not take check-ins when in Active status! Situational awareness of the NCS is critical for keeping the frequency clear!

III. Call for backup and liaison stations (at the discretion of the NCS, note on Emergency Net Station Log):

- Is there an alternate Net Control Station on frequency (note on Emergency Net Station Log)?
- Are there any served agencies on frequency (note on Emergency Net Station Log)?
- Are there any liaison stations to other nets or the National Weather Service on frequency (note on Emergency Net Station Log)?

IV. Continuity (every 10 minutes, or as needed):

- The Shelby County Emergency Net is in **active** status for severe weather [give reason for activation as described at the top of this page].
- Do we have any stations with Emergency or Priority Traffic?
- Do we have any severe weather reports?
- Do we have any damage reports?
- This is a directed net. In case of repeater failure, we will move to our alternate repeater at 147-point-320 MHz. Please keep your transmissions brief and on point. This is [call sign], Net Control Station.

Remain in **Active Status** only as long as necessary. This means that a severe weather **warning** is currently **active** for Shelby County, or severe weather **damage reports** are being received. The situational awareness of the Net Control Station is critical! If shelters are being opened for survivors, an **active** net will probably be needed. Return the net to **standby status** or **secure the net** as soon as practical.

Securing the Net

- The threat of severe weather has passed, and
- There is no more need for a formal net to handle emergency/priority traffic, damage reports, or to provide support to shelters

This is [call sign], Net Control Station for the Shelby County Emergency Net. I would like to thank all stations for their participation in this net. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please join the Shelby County ARES Training Net each Tuesday night at 8:00pm local time on the 146-point-980 MHz repeater. Information about the Shelby County Amateur Radio Club can be found on their web site at www.w4shl.com. Information about Shelby County ARES can be found on their web site at www.sc-ares.org. The Shelby County Emergency Net is now secured. This frequency is returned to normal operation. This is [call sign], clear.