

## **2.4 SKYWARN Amateur Radio Coordinator Activation Procedures**

Once the NWS has notified the Coordinator of the need to activate SKYWARN, the Coordinator will take the following steps:

1. Depending on the areal coverage and expected onset of severe weather, Responders should be dispatched to the NWS office. Normally, two or three Responders are necessary for net operations. Ideally, they should rotated every 3 to 4 hours. There should not be more than 3 responders in the NWS office at any one time.
2. If necessary, the SKYWARN Amateur Radio Coordinator may elect to bring up the net **IMMEDIATELY** from a remote site such as a house or a car.
3. The Coordinator should monitor the net and periodically check with NWS Responders to track the progress of the severe weather event and to make staffing adjustments, as needed.

### **2.4.1 Net Control Operator Personnel List**

The SKYWARN Amateur Radio Coordinator will prepare and continually update a list of NWS Responders/NCS's who are qualified to run the SKYWARN net. The goal is to have enough NCS's/Responders on the list to provide adequate coverage any time of day, any day of the week. The SKYWARN Amateur Radio Coordinator must be able to contact Responders at any time and therefore should have the responder's home phone, work phone and, if available, cellular, fax or pager numbers.

***THE NET WILL BE ACTIVATED AS NEEDED, 24 HOURS A DAY, 365 DAYS A YEAR.***

## **HI. RESPONDER/ NET CONTROL OPERATOR PROCEDURES**

### **3.1 Behavioral Rules**

#### **3.1.1 Do Not Bring Guests With You**

The NWS office is **NOT** the place for guests or sightseers during SKYWARN activations. Due to United States Department of Homeland Security and Department of Commerce regulations, all visitors including amateur radio operators must present identification and their purpose for entry into the government facility. The NWS would be pleased to give your family a tour of the office during quiet weather and upon prior arrangement.