

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TAMPA BAY AREA – RUSKIN, FL

TUESDAY EVENING SKYWARN INFORMATION NET

Net Preamble

(Updated 6/1/2008)

(NCS remote operations with NWS liaison at WX4TOR or home)

CQ the net, CQ the net, CQ the National Weather Service Ruskin SKYWARN information net. This is [insert your call] asking all stations to please stand by for the National Weather Service Ruskin SKYWARN net. Good evening everyone. This is [insert your call], my name is _____, and I am located in _____ . I will be your net control for this evening's SKYWARN net.

The SKYWARN information net is conducted every Tuesday evening at nine p.m. here on the N-I-4-C-E repeater system. For more information about the N-I-4-C-E linked repeater system and net frequencies, visit the N-I-4-C-E web site at WWW.NI4CE.ORG.

Remember a PL tone of one hundred hertz is required to participate in tonight's net.

The purpose of this net is to provide training in SKYWARN net procedures and to make announcements of interest to SKYWARN personnel. We encourage all SKYWARN spotters to participate and also invite all other amateurs to check in to become more familiar with SKYWARN.

Before we continue with the net, let's pause for any emergency or priority traffic. This is [insert your call] .

At this time I will be taking check-ins. The National Weather Service office in Ruskin covers 15 counties in west central and southwest Florida. I will be taking check-ins based on each of these 15 counties. When I call the county you live in, please check in one at a time, and allow me to recognize your check in before the next station calls. Please give your call sign slowly and phonetically, and give your name. Also, please let me know if you have any announcements for the net. If you have an announcement, you will be able to read it after check-ins is completed. When keying up, please take a brief pause before speaking to allow all the repeaters in the system to link up. Now we will begin with check-ins.

- First we will begin with stations in the southern portion of NWS Ruskin's county warning area...then we will work our way north.
- Any station in Charlotte or Lee counties wishing to check in, please call net control at this time:
- Stations in Desoto...Hardee...and highlands counties:
- Stations in Sarasota and manatee counties, please call net control at this time:
- Stations in Pinellas county:
- Stations in Hillsborough county:
- Stations in Polk county, please call net control at this time:
- Stations in Pasco and Hernando counties:
- Stations in Sumter...Citrus...and Levy counties, please call net control at this time:
- Now any station, anywhere that would like to check in to the SKYWARN information net, please call net control at this time:

Thanks to all stations that checked in. Now on to announcements and bulletins. First, we'll begin with general announcements, and then we'll finish with National Weather Service announcements.

(If someone said they had an announcement during check-ins, read the portion below.

Otherwise, proceed to NWS announcements)

Station _____, go ahead with your announcement, this is [insert your call] .

(when general announcements are finished proceed with national weather service announcements)

Now on to official National Weather Service Ruskin announcements.

(proceed with National Weather Service Announcements, and question and answer session, then read net close below when finished with announcements)

SKYWARN INFORMATION NET CLOSE

This concludes the national weather service Ruskin SKYWARN information net for this Tuesday evening. I would like to thank the West Central Florida Group, Inc for the use of the N-I-4-C-E repeater system. The NWS Ruskin SKYWARN information net will return to the N-I-4-C-E repeater system next Tuesday night at nine p.m.

Until then, this is [insert your call] closing tonight's net at (current time) and returning the N-I-4-C-E repeater system to normal amateur radio use.

[insert your call] clear!