

SKYWARN Responders

Selection of Responders

SKYWARN Responders are selected by the SKYWARN Amateur Radio Operations Coordinator and his Assistant Coordinators. Responders are selected on the basis of their availability to operate the NWS amateur radio station. To qualify as a Responder, the amateur should have attended a spotter training session conducted by the NWS within the past three years.

Training and Identification of Responders

Each Responder is required to attend the Responder training course conducted by the NWS. These classes are held as the need for training arises and cover all aspects of SKYWARN and NWS operations.

Upon completion of the training course, each responder will be issued an identification badge. This badge **MUST** be worn to gain access to the NWS office during SKYWARN activations.

Duties of SKYWARN Responders

SKYWARN responders perform a vital role in the operation of the SKYWARN amateur radio network. Specific duties are as follows:

1. Upon direction from the SKYWARN Amateur Radio Operations Coordinator, or his designate, respond to the NWS office during SKYWARN activations.
2. Act as Net Control Station (NCS) for the Mid-South SKYWARN Emergency Network.
3. Frequently act as Net Control for the weekly SKYWARN Training Net in order to practice actual net operations. At the minimum, the Responder should call two nets each year.
4. Assist with other SKYWARN functions and duties as requested by the Coordinator or the NWS.