

# Skywarn Recognition Day



National Weather Service  
Tampa Bay Area, Florida

December 3, 2021, 7PM through December 4, 2021, 7PM

- SKYWARN™ Recognition Day was developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League. It celebrates the contributions that SKYWARN™ volunteers make to the NWS mission, the protection of life and property.
- Amateur radio operators comprise a large percentage of the SKYWARN™ volunteers across the country. The Amateur radio operators also provide vital communication between the NWS and emergency management if normal communications become inoperative.
- All SKYWARN™ spotters provide critical weather information before, during and after adverse weather strikes. This includes reports of rain and snow, ice and wind, storms and tornadoes, flooding and fire. This is our 24 hours to recognize all of the SKYWARN™ spotters serving our nation!
- SKYWARN™ Recognition Day has traditionally been a 24-hour on-the-air amateur radio special event operating out of participating NWS forecast offices. However...due to COVID-19 restrictions the event will be conducted remotely.
- Details for SKYWARN™ Recognition Day at the Tampa Bay Area office are still being finalized.
- However SKYWARN™ spotters interested in participating may sign up at: <https://www.weather.gov/crh/skywarnrecognition>

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The annual National Weather Service SKYWARN Recognition Day events will be held this year on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 7:00 PM (EST).

Here in the Tampa Bay area, special SKYWARN Recognition Day Nets will be conducted on the NI4CE Analog Repeater System throughout the 24hour period. For a complete list of frequencies, go to <https://ni4ce.org> .

WX4TOR, the callsign for the National Weather Service-Ruskin, will also operate on the repeaters of the Tampa Bay Area NXDN Network on TG 1200. Stations can login locally through the NI4CE NXDN repeaters or by using their NXDN Hotspot on Talkgroup 1200 from anywhere in the country. If you reside outside Florida, we encourage you to use your NXDN Hotspot on TG1200 to contact WX4TOR during this event.

For additional information:

- <https://www.weather.gov/crh/skywarnrecognition>
- <http://www.arrl.org/news-features>
- <http://www.weather.gov/tbw/wx4tor>

Questions?

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