



District III

Rhea, Meigs, McMinn, Monroe, Bradley, Polk Counties



Dear Fellow Amateur Radio Operator,

It appears that this year's storm season will be early and active as evidenced by this last weekend's tornado in Clarksville. As the new District III Skywarn Coordinator I am trying to prepare for the coming storm season by learning how many trained and current storm spotters are in each of the district's six counties. If you are trained and current or would like to become a certified Skywarn Emergency Weather Spotter we are in need of your help. Springtime brings with it the increased threat of severe weather. Skywarn spotters provide an additional layer of safety to area communities by becoming extra eyes and a means of verification of severe weather conditions for the National Weather Service. Amateur Radio operators represent a valuable resource for the Skywarn system by establishing a "Severe Weather Net" in their county during periods of bad weather which gathers spotter reports and passes them on to the National Weather Service in Morristown.

If you are a trained NWS Skywarn spotter with a current certification, thank you for participating in this important program. If you are not a trained spotter or are not current and would like to certify, that can be done in two ways, please consider attending a Skywarn course in your area or you can take the two Skywarn training modules online. To learn more about Skywarn and find a link to the Spotter online training, visit the Morristown NWS website at https://www.weather.gov/mrx/skywarn_page. I would also like to identify three Skywarn spotters in your county who would be willing to be your club's or county's point of contact for me to alert when the NWS needs to initiate severe weather monitoring in your area and activate a Severe Weather Net.

Thank you.

Gary

Best 73's W3GME

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CURRENTLY SCHEDULED SKYWARN COURSES NEAR YOU

In most cases, there is no need to register for these classes unless otherwise noted. Classes are FREE and last about 2 hours. If you are unable to attend an in-person class, you may also take online spotter classes from MetEd: [Skywarn Spotter Training](#). There are two courses within this module: [Role of the Skywarn Spotter](#) and [Skywarn Spotter Convective Basics](#).

Current Course Schedule as of February 27, 2018. For additional course locations and schedule updates, go to: https://www.weather.gov/mrx/skywarn_classes

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	POINT OF CONTACT	STATUS
Mar 08, 2018	700 pm EST	ROANE COUNTY Rockwood Community Center 710 N Chamberlain Ave. Rockwood, TN 37854	Cliff Segar 865-773-2586 kd4gt.tn@gmail.com	SCHEDULED
Mar 13, 2018	6 pm EDT	BRADLEY COUNTY TN George R. Johnson Cultural Heritage Center Cleveland State Community College 3535 Adkisson Dr NW Cleveland, TN 37312	Curtis Cline 423-728-7289 ccline@clevelandtn911.com	SCHEDULED
Mar 27, 2018	6 pm EDT	MCMINN COUNTY TN *Register here* Emergency Operations Center 1107 Congress Pkwy S Athens, TN 37303	Cameron Balaban mcminnfnf@comcast.net	SCHEDULED
Mar 29, 2018	6 pm EDT	RHEA COUNTY TN Rhea Co Sheriff Dept. Training Center 805 Eagle Lane Evansville, TN 37332	Heather Weather rheaema@volstate.net	SCHEDULED
Apr 03, 2018	6 pm EDT	BLOUNT COUNTY TN Dorothy Harron Room - Blount County Library 508 N Cusick St Maryville, TN	Lance Coleman lcoleman@blounttn.org	SCHEDULED

If you have any questions regarding spotter training classes, please email Jeremy.Buckles@noaa.gov or contact Anthony Cavallucci at (423) 586-3771 or email at Anthony.Cavallucci@noaa.gov.