

# Marion County Severe Weather Net

## Net Activation

Severe Weather Net activation will occur when:

- A severe weather **warning** (such as thunderstorm or tornado) is issued for Marion County; or
- **Warning(s)** has(have) been issued immediately to our west or southwest in Clinton and/or Washington Counties, **and** it becomes obvious that the threat will extend into Marion County.

The following is to be read upon activation of the net: (read only the quoted bold type over the air!)

Net Control Station: **“This is [call sign], Net Control Station for the Marion County Severe Weather Net. The Marion County Severe Weather Net is now being activated...”**

At this time, the NCS should change the repeater level to “Severe Weather Net” mode by keying down his or her mic and entering 7961 (or S W N 1) on the DTMF keypad, then go key up. Ensure the repeater changes, otherwise do it again.

NCS: **“This is [call sign], Net Control Station for the Marion County Severe Weather Net. The Marion County Severe Weather Net is now being activated. All radio traffic on this frequency is now limited to weather-related information or inquiries only. Please keep all transmissions as short as possible. This is an informal net, therefore stations MAY communicate directly with each other OR with Net Control. Is there any station on frequency who can act as an alternate Net Control?”**

Check in an alternate NCS if available.

NCS: [ Give the details of weather threat, i.e. read warning and/or other pertinent information over the repeater, then invite spotters to check in ] **“Stations may now check in. Please CHECK OUT if you need to leave so we know your status. Please give ONLY your call sign and location. Spotters may also check in with SPOTTER NUMBER when giving call sign and location.”**

Take check-ins: log call signs, locations, and SPOTTER NUMBERS of spotters.

NCS: **“Participants are requested to report any severe weather such as tornadoes, funnel clouds, winds causing damage to structures, and any reports of hail, especially if the size is greater than three-quarters of an inch. When reporting, tell me what you observed, the location of what you observed, and how long ago you observed it. All spotters are urged to consider your personal safety at all times. Participants wishing to report severe weather should do so now. This is [call sign], Net Control for the Marion County Severe Weather Net.”** [ pause for, and log, any replies ]

Alternate Net Control Station will relay any severe weather reports to the Weather Service.

NCS: [ Recap latest warning/statement, etc ]

NCS: **“This is an informal net, therefore stations MAY communicate directly with each other OR with Net Control. This is [call sign], Net Control for the Marion County Severe Weather Net.”**

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## Periodic Announcements

The following is to be read at intervals not to exceed ten minutes (timed for I.D. purposes!).

NCS: **"This is [call sign], Net Control Station for the Marion County Severe Weather Net, standing by for additional check-ins and any severe weather reports."**

NCS: [ Recap latest warning/statement, etc ]

NCS: **"All radio traffic on this frequency is currently limited to weather-related information or inquiries only. Please keep all transmissions as short as possible. Please CHECK OUT if you need to leave so we know your status. This is [call sign], Marion County Severe Weather Net."**

Alternate with:

**"Participants are requested to report any severe weather such as tornadoes, funnel clouds, winds causing damage to structures, and any reports of hail, especially if the size is greater than three-quarters of an inch. When reporting, tell me what you observed, the location of what you observed, and how long ago you observed it. All spotters are urged to consider your personal safety at all times. Participants wishing to report severe weather should do so now. This is [call sign], Net Control for the Marion County Severe Weather Net."** [ pause for, and log, any replies ]

.....and so on. Be sure to keep the Net posted on the latest warnings, etc, as needed. Be sure to keep transmissions as short as possible in case someone needs to get in with an urgent report – especially if the weather is really active in our area.

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## Net Deactivation

As severe weather moves out of the area, and the decision has been made to terminate further operations, the following is aired:

NCS: **"This is [call sign], Net Control Station for the Marion County Severe Weather Net. The Marion County Severe Weather Net is being closed at this time. The repeater will be returned to regular operation. We wish to thank the Centralia Wireless Association for the use of the repeater for this vital public service, and the Amateur Radio community for your participation and support..."**

At this time, the NCS should change the repeater level back to normal by keying down his or her mic and entering 7960 (or S W N 0) on the DTMF keypad, then go key up. Ensure the repeater changes, otherwise do it again.

NCS: **"This is [call sign], Net Control... clear at [time]."**