

Weekly Northern Connecticut Weather Net

[Five minutes before the beginning of the net please announce]

The Northern Connecticut Weather Net will begin in five minutes, if someone needs to use the repeater please do so now, this is (your call)

[Opening Statement]

Does anyone need to use the repeater before I begin this week's session of the Northern Connecticut Weather Net? This is (your call).

Calling the Northern Connecticut Weather Net. (repeat once)

Welcome to this (today's date) session of the Northern Connecticut Weather Net. My name is (your name) and I live in (your town), I will be your net control station this evening. This is a directed net, so please don't break the net unless you have emergency or priority traffic.

This net meets every Thursday evening at 9PM on our primary repeater on 146.79 with a minus offset and a PL of 82.5, this is courtesy of the PVRA. Except for the 2nd Thursday of the month when we meet on our back-up repeater on 147.000 with a plus offset and a PL of 127.3, this is courtesy of the MTARA. This net covers both Hartford and Tolland Counties.

Tonight we are operating in an "informational" mode, for the purposes of exchanging weather data and SKYWARN information between amateur radio operators and other interested parties that may be listening. We also serve as a training medium for net control operators. For more information regarding SKYWARN in Hartford & Tolland Counties please visit our web site at www.hartford-tollandskywarn.org

This net is part of the ARES system and the National Weather Service SKYWARN program. In the event of an actual weather emergency, the net will be a formal SKYWARN session when called upon to do so by the National Weather Service, State SKYWARN Coordinator, or by self-activation. We do this to provide timely and accurate reports to the National Weather Service to help save lives and protect property.

All stations are welcome to check-in, weather equipment and data is not necessary. You can just check-in and report your visual observations, let us know you're out there and interested. Your eyes and ears will be your most useful tools in an actual weather emergency.

We will have frequent call ups and if you need an early out or are mobile let me know and I will take your reports first. When checking in please give your call sign, name, and location. If you have weather data please give it in this order: Temperature, sky cover, wind direction and speed, precipitation, barometric pressure, and the high/low temperature for the day. You may also include humidity, dew point and precipitation for the month and year (snow totals during winter season).

Tonight in (your town) we have (give you weather data). Stations wishing to check-in to the Northern Connecticut Weather Net, your call signs please.

[At this time you will gather the weather data from stations checking into the net. There is a separate form available to write down this weather data. After weather data is gathered from a few stations remember to ask again on the net for any additional check-ins. After all of the weather data is obtained from the stations you will need to summarize this it and repeat it back on the air]

[Closing Statement]

Are there any further comments or business for the Net?

This week's session of the Northern Connecticut Weather net is now closed at (current local time)and the repeater is now returned to regular amateur use. Thanks to the (PVRA or MTARA) for the use of the repeater, thanks to all whom checked in and to those who stood by while the net was in session. Good Night and 73, this is (your call).