

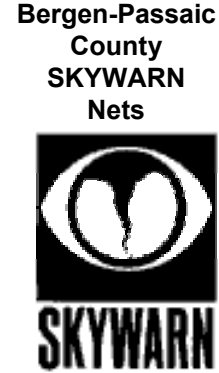


SKYWARN

Net Operations

Lesson 1 – Checking Into The Net

For Amateur Radio SKYWARN Nets
In Bergen and Passaic Counties
On The W2PQG Repeater



1. How To Checkin To A Bergen-Passaic SKYWARN Net

Follow The Specific Instructions Of
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*Depending On The Nature Of The
Event, The Net Control Station
May Vary The Check-in
Procedures*



2. Bergen-Passaic SKYWARN Net Checkins

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- Standard Checkin Procedures For A Bergen-Passaic County SKYWARN Net:
 - ◆ When Net Control Asks for Checkins, And If The Frequency Is Clear, Key-up And Give The Net Control's Callsign (or simply say "Net Control")
 - ◆ Then Un-Key (Drop Your Carrier) To Make Sure You Are Not Doubling With Another Station
 - ◆ After You Hear The Courtesy Tone - And If The Frequency Is Still Clear
 - ◆ Key-up Again And Clearly Give:
 - ◆ Your Callsign
 - *Phonetics are not necessary unless requested by Net Control*
 - ◆ Your Present Location (Include Your Town, County and State)
 - ◆ Indicate If You Are Mobile Or Portable
 - ◆ Then Un-Key And Stand-by For Further Instructions



3. Bergen-Passaic SKYWARN Net Checkins

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- Things You Should ***Specifically Not Do*** When Checking Into A Bergen-Passaic County SKYWARN Net:
 - ◆ **Do Not Give** Your Name Or Your Spotter ID Number
 - ◆ Net Control will log you by your Callsign, passing more information only holds up other Checkins or risks delaying Severe Weather Reports.
 - ◆ **Do Not Give** An Observation With Your Checkin
 - ◆ Please refrain from giving Reports until they are requested by Net Control and be sure to to wait until you are recognized before starting your report
 - ◆ *If you are currently observing HIGHEST Priority Level Severe Weather, as defined in your SKYWARN Training, you should contact Net Control by saying “Net Control, Priority”.*



4. Bergen-Passaic SKYWARN Net Checkins

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- Why Is Only Specific Checkin Information Needed? - Reason #1:
 - ◆ The 1st Priority for short fuse type events (in particular Tornado or Severe Thunderstorm Warnings) is to get accurate reports of occurring or recently observed Severe Weather to the NWS
 - ◆ The Net Control Station will first ask for Checkins from NWS Trained SKYWARN Spotters who have Reports of occurring or recently observed NWS defined Severe Weather



5. Bergen-Passaic SKYWARN Net Checkins

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■ Why Is Only Specific Checkin Information Needed? – Reason #2:

- ◆ The 2nd Priority is to get all SKYWARN Spotters checked into the Net as quickly and as accurately as possible
 - ◆ As the Checkins are being taken, the Net Control Station and the SKYWARN Coordinators are getting an overview of where the Spotters are located in relation to the storm's movement. This needs to be accomplished as quickly as possible
 - *Also be aware that the Net Control Station may only ask for Check-ins from Spotters who are in a specific area at the start of the Net*



6. Bergen-Passaic SKYWARN Net Checkins

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- Why Is Only Specific Checkin Information Needed? – Reason #3:
 - ◆ After a group of Checkins has been taken, the Net Control Station or a SKYWARN Coordinator will inform the Net of the type of information to be reported for this event
 - ◆ It is important to give just the specific information being requested, so as to not delay the reporting of Severe Weather
 - *The Net Control Station (or a SKYWARN Coordinator) may also call on specific Spotters for reports during the Net, based on their location relative to the storm's movement.*



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