Repeater / Simplex Frequency Priority in an Emergency:

1) 146.910 PL 91.5	2) 146.760 PL None	3) 147.105 PL 91.5	4) 443.900 PL 91.5	5) 147.525 Simplex
2100 / 9 PM	2105 / 9:05 PM	2110 / 9:10 PM	2115 / 9:15 PM	2120 / 9:20 PM

Calling the Buncombe County ARES – C.M.A. Skywarn Net. Calling the Buncombe County ARES – C.M.A. Skywarn Net

This is (YOUR CALL SIGN). This net is sponsored by the Buncombe County Emergency Management Agency.

Net Control Station is NN4BC. My name is (YOUR NAME) and I am located in (YOUR CURRENT LOCATION IN THE COUNTY). Is there someone to act as Alternate Control Station? (ACKNOWLEDGE THAT STATION)

This is a directed net with the purpose to provide training in emergency communications and to take observations of severe weather conditions in Buncombe and surrounding counties. The net also serves in the handling of formal written message traffic in Buncombe County.

Operators are encouraged to become regular check-ins and to participate in the various training exercises and public service events held in the Buncombe County and surrounding area. Operators are also urged to register with Emergency Management and ARES in your home county.

At this time if any station has emergency or priority traffic call NN4BC. (ACKNOWLEDGE STATION(S))

[**If there is emergency or priority traffic the net should be suspended until the emergency or traffic has been resolved or passed.**]

Stations are asked to check-in according to the first letter in the suffix of your call. Call NN4BC, un-key your transmitter to ensure you are not doubling with another station then give your call sign using standard phonetics, your name, location, and if you will be staying for comments after the formal portion of the net. Stations with reports of severe weather notify net control you have a report. Net Control will take your report and observation when they acknowledge your station.

[**When taking WX Reports get the observation, time, city / town and closest intersection to the observation. If report is for a neighboring county include the county name. If severe weather reports are given … Net Control should conclude activate the Skywarn Net.**]

Stations with call signs Alpha through Mike call NN4BC. (ACKNOWLEDGE STATIONS & REPORTS)

Stations with call signs November through Zulu call NN4BC. (ACKNOWLEDGE STATIONS & REPORTS)

Late check-in's Alpha through Zulu call NN4BC. (ACKNOWLEDGE STATIONS & REPORTS)

 [If there is formal traffic or announcements proceed by calling those stations to pass traffic or make announcement. Then proceed to training if there is training available.]

The formal portion of the net is now closed. Stations wishing to secure may do so now and the net will be in informal session. [Go back and get comments from stations who stayed for the informal in the order that they have checked in.]

Last call for check-ins call NN4BC. (ACKNOWLEDGE ALL INCLUDING WX REPORTS)

At this time the Buncombe County ARES – Carolina Mountain Area Skywarn net is closed. Thank you for your participation. Stations are asked to check in every Wednesday at 2100 hours / 9 PM and to monitor this repeater during severe weather. I had a total of _____ checkins. [Call Alternate Net Control Station to confirm].

For more information on Buncombe County ARES & CMA Skywarn please visit www.bcoares.org. At this time please switch to the Simplex frequency for the Simplex Net and Training.

Skywarn Net Watch Protocol

This is WX4CMA, net control for the Carolina Mountain Area Skywarn Net. My name is _____, (**YOUR CALL SIGN AND LOCATION**) the Net is currently in Watch Mode.

The repeater is open for normal amateur use. However we request operators to pause between transmissions for the possibility of priority traffic.

You do not need to be a member of ARES or Skywarn to check in to the net with your weather report. Stations that do check-in are requested to monitor the repeater for possible warnings but may continue with other personal business.

Stations wishing to check in with observations please call _____ (net control call sign).

[**Copy observations if observations meet severe criteria relay to GSP Skywarn at NWS Greer or call if they are not setup. Should repeat at least once an hour. If necessary switch the net to activation.**]

Skywarn Net Alert Protocol

Calling the Carolina Mountain Area Skywarn Net. Calling the Carolina Mountain Area Skywarn Net. This is WX4CMA, my name is _____, (**YOUR CALL SIGN and LOCATION**) activating the Carolina Mountain Area Skywarn Net to Alert Mode.

Net Control Station is WX4CMA.

This is a directed net, if you have an EMERGENCY during this net say "Emergency" followed by your call sign and the frequency will be released to you. At this time the Carolina Mountain Area Skywarn net is activated on the 146.910 repeater PL 91.5.

You do not need to be a member of ARES or Skywarn to check in to the net with your severe weather report.

At _____ (insert time from NWS Warning / Advisory), the NWS has issued a (NAME OF WARNING(S) / ADVISORY) for Buncombe County (include neighbor counties if relevant Madison, Haywood, Henderson, Yancey, Mitchell or McDowell).

We are looking for reports of severe weather:

Examples of Severe Weather:

Tornadoes, funnel clouds, wall clouds and roll clouds
Winds in excess of 58 mph or any damaging winds
Any hail ¼ inch or larger (dime size and larger)
Excessive lightening in excess of 1 stroke per second continuously for more than 1 minute
Measured rainfall rates exceeding 2 inches per hour
Any flooding or flash flooding that is occurring
Any damage caused by severe weather (except traffic accidents).

Stations wishing to check in with observations please call WX4CMA, give your call sign, observation, time of observation and closest major intersection to your observation location.