

# ACTIVATION SCRIPTS

The following scripts will be used in the event of severe weather. There are three levels of activation:

**Standby Mode:** Tulsa NWS has issued a watch for Washington County, but weather has not approached our western neighbor counties in Oklahoma. This is the time to make contacts with spotters and preset the location of mobile spotters. Make this announcement every 30 minutes on the hour and on the half hour when there are no reports coming in.

**Active Mode:** Weather heading for Washington County is in the neighboring areas and is making an impact on the county. For example, during severe weather season rain is falling and neighboring county watches are going to warnings. Make this announcement every 15 minutes on the quarter hour/15 minute mark.

**Emergency Mode:** Tulsa Weather Service has issued a warning and there is the need for immediate reports and announcements. Make this announcement only as necessary to control the frequency.

## Standby Mode

Make this announcement every 30 minutes on the hour and on the half hour when there are no reports coming in.

This is (your callsign here) \_\_\_\_\_ for W5YM UNIVERSITY WEATHERNET. The National Weather Service has indicated the possibility of severe weather in the Washington County area. W5YM University WEATHERNET is in standby mode at this time and the repeater is free for normal use; however, a WEATHERNET net control operator will be standing by for any severe weather reports. We do ask that all stations keep their transmissions short and leave longer breaks between transmissions for WEATHERNET traffic.

The current conditions are: (Make the Current Conditions and Desired Reports announcements.)

The current watches and warnings issued by the National Weather Service are: (Read warnings, then read watches).

The W5YM University WeatherNet is looking for reports of severe weather. This includes:

- Hail, particularly dime sized or larger
- Winds in excess of 35 mph, and which cause damage
- Cloud to ground lightning strikes
- Flooding where none regularly occurs or flooding across roadways
- Sudden downburst winds or dramatic shifts in wind direction
- Rotating funnel clouds or tornadoes
- Significant damage to property such as downed trees or power lines
- Heavy rain measured in excess of one inch in three hours or less

Please keep in mind these National Weather Service definitions:

A severe thunderstorm is one which produces a tornado,  
and/or winds of at least 58 mph,  
and/or hail at least 3/4 inch in diameter.

A tornado is defined as a **violently** rotating column of air, pendant to a cumulonimbus, with circulation reaching the ground.

When making reports to the W5YM University WeatherNet, give your name, call sign and T.E.L. information:

Time  
Effect  
Location

Stations are asked to report any of these conditions to the W5YM University WeatherNet Control Station.

Registered spotters with the W5YM University WeatherNet on frequency are requested to check in with Net Control. All stations are requested to give my call sign, {callsign}, that's {callsign in phonetics}, then pause and listen for doubling, then give your call sign, name, location.

[RECOGNIZE CHECKINS]

The next scheduled announcement will be in 30 minutes at approximately {give time} central time.

## Active Mode

Make this announcement every 15 minutes on the quarter hour/15 minute mark

This is (your callsign here)\_\_\_\_\_ W5YM net control. W5YM UNIVERSITY WEATHERNET is currently in active mode. This is a directed net and all traffic should be directed to the Net Control Station.

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Effect  
Location

Stations are asked to report any of these conditions to the W5YM Net Control Station.

Operators currently checked into the net are requested to stay on frequency and on station.

The next scheduled announcement will be in 15 minutes.

## EMERGENCY Mode

Make this announcement only as necessary to control the frequency.

This is (your callsign here) \_\_\_\_\_ W5YM UNIVERSITY WEATHERNET net control. We are in EMERGENCY mode and the repeater is available only for severe weather reports and other life-threatening information. Stations with other traffic please stand by.

The National Weather Service in Tulsa has issued {fill in with appropriate warning}

## OPEN TIME BETWEEN ANNOUCEMENTS IN STANDBY AND ACTIVE MODE

During this time we would like to provide some suggestions to help aid in the quick and clear communication of your reports to the Net Control Station.

[CHOOSE APPROPRIATE ITEMS FROM WEEKLY TRAINING SCRIPT]

## NWS LOOKING FOR INFORMATION

This is {your call sign}, Net Control for the W5YM University WeatherNet Net Control. The National Weather Service has requested that any station in the \_\_\_\_\_ area please make a report of any current conditions. This includes criteria that are outside of the normal Severe Weather reporting criteria

This is {your call sign} standing by for any reports from the \_\_\_\_\_ area.