# NWS Ruskin SKYWARN

## Standby Mode Script – Remote Operations

*Standby mode is used mostly when watches are in effect before warnings are issued.*

*Go to active mode when warnings are issued or in effect*

Announce all in RED:

**This is [insert your name and your call]_____ with the National Weather Service Ruskin SKYWARN.  The National Weather Service in Ruskin has requested SKYWARN activation due to the threat of severe weather.**

**(Read the next part if a watch is in effect)**
**The National Weather Service has issued a [circle severe thunderstorm / tornado] watch effective until [time]_____ for the following counties in the Ruskin county warning area [name all counties from the NWS watch statement]. Remember, a watch means conditions are favorable for a [insert appropriate term - severe thunderstorm or tornado] to develop.**

**The National Weather Service is looking for reports of severe weather. This includes:**

- **Hail of any size**
- **Measured wind speeds of GREATER than 50 mph**
- **Measured rainfall of 2" or more per hour**
- **Flooding and flash-flooding**
- **Rotating wall clouds, funnel clouds, waterspouts, or tornadoes**
- **Any damage caused by high winds**

**This National Weather Service Ruskin SKYWARN Net Control Station will monitor the frequency for reports of severe weather.  National Weather Service Ruskin SKYWARN is in Standby Mode at this time, and the repeater is open for normal amateur activity. We will switch to active mode when warnings are issued. In the meantime, please leave longer breaks between transmissions for any SKYWARN traffic.   Once again, the National Weather Service Ruskin SKYWARN net is in Standby Mode at this time.  Please call in your reports of severe weather to this station. This is [insert your call]_____.**

**See notes on next page.**

NOTES for net control operator/station:

- If the NWS issues a severe thunderstorm or tornado warning, please go to "active mode" which is a directed net, and read the text of each warning message.  Please refer to the active net scripts.
- Take any severe weather reports, log them, and call them in to the NWS staff when possible at the following number:  **1-800-282-1228**  IMPORTANT NOTE….this line is a "ring straight through" line.  That is, you won't have to go through a phone tree.  This number is to be used **ONLY for official SKYWARN** purposes.  Please do not give this number out to anyone!  If a liaison station is operating from the Ruskin NWS office, pass your reports on to that station instead of calling them in.
- As an alternative to the 1-800 spotter hot line, please utilize IEM chat for communicating with NWS Ruskin.
- It is a good idea to give frequent radar updates on air.  When describing radar features, focus on the more intense activity.
- Repeat the above script at least once every 10 minutes when things are *"quiet"*.

## To conclude Skywarn activity, say:

This is _____ [insert your call] with the National Weather Service Ruskin SKYWARN. The severe weather threat has diminished, and we will now conclude SKYWARN activity at this time. On behalf of the National Weather Service Ruskin and the SKYWARN program, we would like to thank _____ for use of the repeater.   We would also like to thank the amateur community for giving SKYWARN traffic priority and all spotters who have participated. The time now is [give time], and I am now returning repeater to normal amateur use. This is _____[insert your call] clear.