ARES/SKYWARN Emergency Net Preamble – 10/21/26

Clear the frequency by calling “Is the frequency in use?” then call QST, QST, QST.

This is <your call> and my name is <your name>.

This is the Indiana County ARES and SKYWARN Severe Weather Net.

All amateurs are welcome to participate, you do not need to be an ARES/SKYWARN member.

Is there any emergency or priority traffic for the net – please call now.

Advise of the weather warning that prompted the net being opened.

I will now take check-ins, please call net control and then give your call sign, location, and any reports you may have for the net.

Repeat your call sign and give report on status of warnings and conditions every 10 minutes unless warranted sooner. Take any check-ins or rechecks at that time.

Keep the net open until the warning that prompted the net expires, secure only after the warning has expired. If the warning is extended or additional warnings are issued, continue to run the net.

(Securement Text) This concludes this session for the Indiana County ARES and SKYWARN Severe Weather Net.

This is <your call> securing the net at <time> and returning the repeater back to general amateur use. Please continue to monitor this repeater, NWS Weather Radio, and local media sources for any changing conditions. 73 and stay safe.

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Note that it is ok to transfer net control to another operator if needed, just ensure that they have a list running of who has checked in. Also, any ARES/SKYWARN member can open a net at any time a warning is posted, or an emergency arises. No permission is needed, just advice the EC that it is opened and maintain a roster of check-ins with times of net opening and closing.