

2025-03-15 Severe Weather (EOC Activation 2025-05)

Cherokee ARES EOC Activation Plan

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ICS 214 Incident: 2025-03-15 Severe Weather (EOC Activation 2025-05)

Shift-1 (7pm Saturday) Arrive 6:30PM EST

- KO4UQF-Bill
- W1JKU-Rob

Shift-2 (7am Sunday) Arrive at 06:30AM EST for Shift Change

- KJ4UC- Don
- KJ4QVT- Jim Stephens

Instructions:

1. All stations, be prepared to check in and relay critical reports via our Cherokee ARES SKYWARN NET when established. The Goal is to leverage the Cherokee SKYWARN NET with personnel operating from home as much as possible to run the net. This will free the EOC Team to collect critical reports and relay critical traffic via WEBEOC to Cherokee EMA Team.
2. All SKYWARN reports will be on the Cherokee ARES SKYWARN NET/REPEATER or if required the NWS SKYWARN Linked Repeater. Either the SKYWARN NCS or CHEROKEE EOC should direct local reports to NWS SKYWARN if conditions require. We need to avoid double reporting and confusion. If Cherokee NCS or Cherokee EOC is not responding then, go ahead and send directly to NWS if conditions meet the criteria of NWS NCS.
3. As needed, the Cherokee ARES EOC Team will break into the NET and share critical information.
4. Please send your Winlink Check-In form with accurate coordinates to all addresses listed below for situational awareness. If possible send before 18:00 on Saturday for initial layout of all personnel.
5. The following two State NETS are for EMERGENCY Traffic Only: **DSTAR REF003A** and **GA-ARES DRATS Ratflector**. Only approved emergency traffic from the **County EOC** will be transmitted. An example of Emergency traffic is "xxxx County EOC is offline and needs help from the (SOC) State Operations Center." **This is not a Training Event, and has ability to affect a large portion of the state, we must remain disciplined here...**

Cherokee ARES Winlink Addresses

- WA4EOC for Messages to Cherokee ARES EOC Team
- CCARES-NET for Messages to Cherokee ARES NET Team that manages Check-In forms and Posting to Online MAP.
- W1JKU - Rob Bruderer EC Cherokee County for direct messages that is not for public consumption...

Initial Communications Plan

- 146.700- K4SJR (Primary Cherokee County)
- 145.270- KG4VUB (Alternate Cherokee County)
- Simplex 146.425 (Alternate (Cherokee County)
- DRATS NWGA RATFLECTOR Cherokee Channel is **#CCARES** **On this Channel you are free to pass traffic to and all stations on this channel. However, keep it focused to situational awareness and important traffic/status updates, and any issues you are experiencing. Ensure you are on Channel #CCARES.**
- Monitor National Weather Service SKYWARN NET on 146.805-KC4AQS **(Do not check into the NET or pass traffic unless it meets the criteria set by Net Control.**
- Only Monitor, Do not transmit unless directed by EOC Team or explicit ask from NCS:
 - Monitor DSTAR REF003A **Only EOC Team will transmit emergency traffic on this Net, all others just monitor.**
 - Monitor DRATS GA-ARES Ratflector (gaares.ratflector.com). **Only EOC Team will transmit emergency traffic on this NET, all others just monitor.**

Website and Links

- [Cherokee ARES SKYWARN](http://cherokee-ares.org/SKYWARN.html) <http://cherokee-ares.org/SKYWARN.html>
- <http://windy.com/> (This page is now also found on the Cherokee-ARES Skywarn page. (Thanks Don-KJ4UC)

Initial SKYWARN Reporting Requirements

NET Control is looking for first-hand reports only, that included:

- a. Tornados
- b. Rotating Wall clouds
- c. Hail, include Size of Hail
- d. Winds > 40MPH. (Down Trees, Powerlines, Structural Damage)
- e. Flooding > 6" covering roadway or Streams/River.