

## **14 DEC 04 – N2LMU (Net Control) Training Material**

### **What happens to your report after you submit it?**

When the National Weather Service issues a watch or warning, Skywarn will be activated. A net control operator will activate the net. An alternate net control operator and/or Skywarn coordinator will copy the check-ins and reports concurrently as the net control receives them. During the net, the Skywarn coordinator or a designated liaison will call in the reports to the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Upton, NY. After the net is closed, all reports, even the ones that were previously forwarded via telephone, are either faxed or sent via email by the liaison or coordinator to the National Weather Service Forecast Office as a permanent official record of observations and damage from the event. The National Weather Service uses the reports for severe weather verification, statements and warnings, local storm reports (during severe weather) and public information statements (during non-severe weather). Depending on the information relayed, the reports may also be used to adjust the NWS radar to better detect specific types of severe weather or to focus on a specific area of the storm. All reports are also recorded as "Storm Data", which is a publication that documents severe weather across the country and can be used to create a severe weather climatology database of a specific county, city or region of the country.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Emergency Power Nights**

The last net of the month will be designated as emergency power night. During the last Essex County Skywarn net for each month, we ask that all stations check-in using a power source other than commercial electric power. This is to test stations ability to pass information when severe weather disrupts normal power. The first emergency power night will be December 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Next Weeks Net Topics**

Good versus bad spotter reports.