

North Carolina ARES
SKYWARN Oversight and Organization
Notice of Change
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For at least the past 16 years, the NWS SKYWARN activities falling under the Oversight and Organization of NC ARES, has had a mixed structure. Owing to differences in policies by the various in-state and out-of-state NWS offices, the NC ARES Organizational model has exhibited conflicts and uncertainty.

Effective immediately, the NC ARES structure and policies as regards interfacing SKYWARN activities within NC will adhere to the following model and structure.

In-State (NC) NWS Offices With respect to those NWS offices that are situated within the state of NC, NC ARES will consult with the NWS Warning Coordination Meteorologist and other NWS leadership, to try to identify, validate and recommend mutually acceptable persons to fill the role of SKYWARN Coordinator for each NWS jurisdiction and sub-jurisdiction. With the tacit agreement of the NWS WCM, will appoint mutually acceptable individual(s) to serve within the oversight of NC ARES.

Out-of State NWS Offices. With respect to those NWS offices that are situated outside the state of NC, we expect that the WCM and other NWS leadership at those offices will work with their state's ARES or other Amateur Radio groups to choose and appoint a SKYWARN Coordinator that will assist in managing the NWS interests throughout the NWS Warning Areas. For cross-border Warning Areas under the jurisdiction of out-of-state NWS offices that fall within the NC borders, those offices and their appointed SKYWARN Coordinators, will coordinate activities within NC, as well. NC ARES will not appoint any secondary SKYWARN Coordinators, but will work with the NWS and their selected representatives to effect and encourage training, reporting and participation within NC.

Summary.

For NC Counties that fall within the NC jurisdictions of the NWS offices at:

Raleigh, NC
Wilmington, NC
Morehead, NC

There are no particular changes.

For NC Counties that fall within the jurisdictions of the NWS offices at:

Wakefield, VA
Blacksburg, VA
Morristown TN
Greenville-Spartanburg, SC

NC ARES will not appoint a SKYWARN Coordinator, but will rely upon the SKYWARN Coordinator appointed locally, by that office, to develop and extend coordination into the respective NC Counties.

These changes supersede relevant content contained within the NC ARES Emergency Plan.

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