

# Branch County Skywarn Operational Categories

## Condition Blue

Conditions are, or are forecast to become, favorable for severe weather. The threat for severe weather for our area is referenced by one or more of the following NWS/NOAA products: Local Area Forecast Discussion ; Hazardous Weather Outlook; Day 1 Convective Outlook or IWX Weather Story. Spotters should frequently monitor outlets for updates.

## Condition Green

There is a significant possibility of severe weather in our area. NWS/NOAA has placed our county, or an adjacent county, under at least one type of severe weather *WATCH*. A stand-by net will commence on the WD8KAF 2M repeater, however, normal amateur traffic will be allowed to continue. A summary of the watch text will be rebroadcast periodically, followed by a radar update. Spotters are requested to check into the net and inform NCS of their window and mode of availability. New information, including warnings and radar trends will be broadcast as they are received. The EC, OEM EC, and IMO Skywarn Quad 1 NCS will be informed of our stand-by status.

## Condition Yellow

Severe, or potentially severe weather is occurring within our Advanced Warning Box, from a general upstream direction. A stand-by net will begin if net has not been already instituted on the WD8KAF 2M repeater, however, normal amateur traffic will be allowed to continue. Preliminary spotter positions will be determined. Spotters will be polled for assignment availability, and begin deployments. Warning and radar updates will occur frequently, with new information being broadcast as it is received. A local storm report liaison will be appointed if possible. The 911 center will be staffed if possible. The EC, OEM EC, and IMO Skywarn Quad 1 NCS will be informed of our stand-by status, if not already been notified.

## Condition Red

Severe weather appears imminent in Branch County area. Branch County or a neighboring county has been placed under a severe weather *Warning*, AND/OR severe or potentially severe weather is occurring within 1 hour of Branch County, from a general upstream flow. Normal amateur traffic will cease and a full active net will commence. Available mobile spotters will be immediately deployed. Frequent warning/radar updates will be broadcast. Spotter positioning will be fine tuned as weather events unfold. If possible, a local storm report liaison will be appointed. The 911 center will be staffed, and IMO Skywarn Quad 1 NCS, EC and OEM EC will be informed as to status if not already been notified.