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### 2015 Skywarn Storm Spotter's Training

was held Tuesday, Jan. 13th from 7-9 p.m. at the Rockdale VFD meeting room. Ft. Worth NWS Meteorologist, Dennis Cavanaugh facilitated the 2 hour power point presentation.



The NWS prefers to receive actual ground reports before issuing a formal Warning. A Severe Thunderstorm Warning is defined as a storm with winds in excess of 58 MPS and hail 1 inch in diameter or larger. NWS will try to obtain information from observers on the ground that wind and hail of this size is starting to occur.

Much discussion this year was on communications. Here in Milam County we are within range of a Repeater in Eddy 145.31 Mhz, Tone 123.0 which will connect with the Ft. Worth NWS through Echolink. If you are seeing storm conditions from your location then NWS will talk to you over amateur radio. You should report pertinent facts for example size of hail and wind speed and direction, location of wall cloud or other storm cloud formations. You must also report your location. You should use Latitude and Longitude if you have GPS or distance/direction from a city or landmark.

The Amateur Radio Operator at NWS will be sitting next to the radar operator, who will issue warnings to the public. The radar operator will ask questions of you of which your answers are very important.

If you do not have a radio with you then you can call 800-792-2257 and leave a recorded message about the current weather conditions you are experiencing.

Remember to BE SAFE. Be prepared to take cover.

#### NOAA WEATHER FREQUENCIES

WACO	162.475 Mhz
BRYAN	162.550 Mhz
AUSTIN	162.400 Mhz

Milam County ARES Thursday 7 PM 147.020 PL 123.0 Khz.

Bell County NET Thursday 8 PM 145.130 PL 123.0

STX ARES HF Net Monday at 7:30 pm on 3873 Khz.

If you are needing a copy of the Storm Spotter's Checklist please contact Susan Reinders, Milam County EMC at 254-697-7060 or [sreinders@milamcounty.net](mailto:sreinders@milamcounty.net).



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