

# Central Illinois All Hazards Net – Procedure Changes

Emergency Communications Response Team  
City of Peoria Fire Department –  
Office of Emergency Management

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# The Change

- Effective August 1, 2009 net control will only be assigning spotting locations to registered members of:
  - City of Peoria Office of Emergency Management
  - Peoria County Emergency Management Agency
- This change is being made at the request of the leadership from the Peoria Fire Department and the City of Peoria to comply with insurance and workman's compensation requirements.



# The Net – What's NOT Changing

- Radar Updates

- The net control station will continue to give radar updates as the storm approaches the area and is affecting our area. Stations can move locations based on the information they are hearing if they prefer a different location. Remember to just let net control know where you are going and when you get there.

- Duplicate Locations

- If another spotter is already in that location net control will let you know. That is information only, you may still go to the same location.



# Am I Covered?

- To be covered by any type of insurance or workman's compensation plan while spotting you must be a registered active member with either the City of Peoria OEM or Peoria County EMA.
- Doesn't the National Weather Service Provide Coverage for Spotters?
  - Answer – It depends...to be covered by the National Weather Service you must have taken a SKYWARN™ Spotter Class and must hold a SKYWARN™ Identification and been issued a SKYWARN™ Registration Number.



# How Does This Effect Me?

- Can I still be a spotter?
  - Yes, absolutely! When you go out spotting the only change will be you letting net control know where you are going to spot from. Net Control will not assigning you a location to go to.
- Can I be a spotter from home or work?
  - Yes, we encourage as many persons to participate as possible and welcome participation from any location including fixed or portable stations as well as mobile.



# Can I be SKYWARN™ Trained?

- Yes! The City of Peoria OEM and Peoria County EMA will be hosting an official SKYWARN™ training course in late winter. We will be sure to send out further information when it becomes available.
- What about the Basic and Advanced Spotter Course I've taken?
  - SKYWARN™ training has a slightly different feel. At this time however we do not know the specifics which make it different from traditional training done in the this area for many years.



# Thank You!

- I don't think we can say it enough – THANK YOU for your assistance and participation in the Central Illinois All Hazards Net. The information provided really does make a difference!
- Questions – Please Contact:

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