

## --> GET READY Volunteer Checklist <--

- If ARES, Skywarn, SCHEART or the state EOC is running a net you should monitor it. If your county EOC is running a net you should monitor it. Check with your ARES county EC for which net to monitor as a priority. This could change county by county.
- The National Weather Service (NWS) is a served agency and as such trained skywarn spotters will be asked to operate radios and act as net control at a NWS office. Check your email for staffing requests from your Skywarn team leader. Skywarn spotters are not authorized to chase bad weather. Do not deploy to a NWS office unless asked to by your Skywarn team leader.
- If you are county CERT trained then be ready for a call from your CERT team leader. Get all of your CERT gear ready to deploy. Do not deploy unless asked to do by the CERT team leader.
- If you are a VOAD volunteer then be ready for a call from your VOAD team leader. Get all of your VOAD gear ready to deploy. Do not deploy unless asked to do by the VOAD team leader.
- Stay close to your cell phone or landline phone
- Keep an eye on your email inbox
- Start recharging your batteries just in case you lose AC power
- Get your go box all packed up and ready to be put into your car/truck
- Get all of your portable antennas and coax ready to be put into your car/truck
- Get your folding table and chair ready to be put into your car/truck
- Get your food/snacks/water ready to be put into your car/truck
- Get your sleeping gear, cloths and personal hygiene stuff ready to put into your car/truck.
- Know the chain of command for the group you volunteer for. Your team leader might be out of pocket and the next in command might contact you. Know who that person is.
- At no time will any volunteer leave their house and drive to a disaster/event site without first being asked to do so by the team leader.
- While monitoring a net someone might tell you to, or strongly suggest you deploy to a location. If that person is NOT your team leader or someone from the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) you will NOT deploy.

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This checklist is intentionally incomplete. It is a starting point for you to add whatever items you need.