

# South Carolina Midlands Skywarn



## **P Primary Alternate Contingency Emergency**

**P – Zello** We practice Zello regularly, during monitoring/activations and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**A – FleetTalk** We practice FleetTalk regularly, during monitoring/activations and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**C – Skywarn designated repeaters** We are currently developing a plan to regularly practice using these repeaters.

**E – Emergency** Any means necessary to achieve emergency communications, including HF.

**Zello** – Anyone can use Zello (Hams and non-hams). This is a free app for your android or iPhone. This is the Zello icon, look for it in your app store. Set up Zello, the channel is **SC Midlands SKYWARN** and it is case sensitive. You can record messages, text messages and photos.



**FleetTalk (W4FTK)** - For licensed amateur radio operators only. We use a subset of the linked repeater system. Below is a list of the repeaters. It is best to have all the repeaters programmed onto your VHF/UHF radios as you never know where you may be when a weather event or emergency happens.

For Echolink users - To check-in for the FleetTalk Skywarn Net, use W4FTK-L node (Node #564953). - This is different from the normal W4FTK-R (Node #367365).

For AllStar users - To check-in for the FleetTalk Skywarn Net, use Node # 50236. This is different from the normal Node # 40040.

147.225 DPL 315 - Rock Hill  
146.760 DPL 315 - Richburg  
147.060 DPL 315 - Wedgefield  
146.625 DPL 315 - Little Mountain  
441.825 DPL 315 - Pageland  
443.650 DPL 315 - Blythewood  
442.875 DPL 315 - Downtown Columbia  
443.300 DPL 315 - Sumter

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month FleetTalk Net Check-in sequence, by Counties, North to South  
We will run NetLogger concurrently with the net, in case you want to follow along.

11 Midlands Counties - Repeater check-ins first, followed by Echolink/AllStar check-ins.

Lancaster  
Newberry  
Fairfield  
Kershaw  
Saluda  
Lexington  
Richland  
Sumter  
Calhoun  
Clarendon  
Orangeburg

### **Skywarn Spotter Training – available online**

Type in the COMET - MetEd link below. On the left side, click General User and in the middle of the next screen there should be a sign-up section. Fill this out and submit the information. They will send you a confirmation email. Check the email and click the link to confirm. Login to the Comet/MetEd website There is a search bar on the left side - enter Skywarn and hit the return button on your computer to search. This will populate the required courses. Enroll in the courses and get started. There are 2 courses to complete: Role of the Skywarn Spotter and Skywarn Spotter Convective Basics. Each course takes about 1 to 1.25 hours to complete. Upon completion of the course, you will get a Certificate of Completion. Be sure to follow the instructions in the Course Description section for how to become an official Storm Spotter for the NWS in Columbia, SC.

<https://learn.meted.ucar.edu/#/public-dashboard>

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