

Lucas County Siren Net Script

NOTE: The 147.270 and the 442850 repeaters both use a PL of 103.5 and are normally linked together.
WHEN YOU HAVE TIME, READ THE OPTIONAL "OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN INFORMATION" SCRIPT ON THE BACK

Is the repeater/frequency in use?

[11:45 AM]

All stations, this is _____, opening this session of the Lucas County Siren Net. This is a formal and directed net. Stations should not call other stations without first getting permission from the net control.

Your Net Control Station today is _____ and I am located in _____.

This is the first Friday of the month and Lucas County is scheduled to activate the outdoor warning sirens at 12:00 Noon local time.

This net is open to all amateurs. You do not have to be in Lucas County to participate in this net. This net will take check-ins and then stand-by for the outdoor warning siren test. Upon conclusion of the test, there will be a brief roll call of all stations that have checked in.

Is there a station on frequency to act as Alternate Net Control? If so, please say your call.

Stations checking into the net, please give your LOCATION, your NAME and your CALL slowly and clearly.

Are there any stations that are MOBILE, PORTABLE, or SHORT TIME? Please give LOCATION, NAME, and CALL. (ACKNOWLEDGE STATIONS WHEN THEY CHECK IN)

Are there any stations for the SIREN NET? If so give your LOCATION, your NAME and your CALL SLOWLY and CLEARLY.

The time now is _____

This net is standing by for the 12:00 Noon outdoor warning siren activation; upon conclusion of the test we will conduct a brief roll call to gather siren information from all stations that have checked in.

The outdoor warning system is designed ONLY to inform those who are OUTSIDE in open areas. The system is NOT designed to warn residents within the confines of a structure. The sirens are tested once a month on the first Friday of the month, at noon to ensure proper operation. The siren will SOUND a steady tone for 1 minute.

If a severe weather watch or warning is in affect for Lucas County prior to 12:00 p.m. on a scheduled test day, the sirens may not be tested on that day.

[12:00 Noon (Read when the siren activates)]

In conjunction with the Monthly Siren Test, Lucas County has activated the outdoor warning sirens. All stations please stand-by. Upon conclusion of the test Net Control will conduct a brief roll call of stations that have checked in, and then take check-ins from any additional stations.

[12:01 PM (After test is complete perform NET ROLLCALL)]

At this time we will conduct a brief roll call of STATIONS that have CHECKED IN, and then we will take check-ins from additional stations.

[ROLLCALL] Please indicate whether you have heard the siren and how many?

Are there any additional stations for the net? Are there any announcements?

Stations that were unable to check in but have a siren report may pass their report via radiogram to this STATION by using the National Traffic Net at 6:40 PM any evening.

LUCAS COUNTY SKYWARN normally uses the W8HHF 147.270 repeater as a primary frequency and the WJ8E 147.345 as the ALTERNATE.

THE NORTHWEST OHIO DISTRICT ONE SKYWARN NET is normally on the W8RZM 147.375 repeater with the K8ALB 146.610 as the ALTERNATE. Stations are encouraged to support LUCAS COUNTY SKYWARN or their local SKYWARN NET.

The Lucas County Siren net is held monthly on the first Friday of every month at 11:45 AM. Any station who may want to act as Net Control for the next month should contact W8TER or KD8EVN. Net Control experience is NOT required.

Be AWARE and be SAFE. When sirens sound, KNOW WHERE TO TUNE. This is _____ closing this session of the Lucas County Siren Net. The repeater is now open for normal amateur use.

[OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN INFORMATION:]

Lucas County EMA maintains a network of about 131 outdoor warning sirens that are activated by Lucas County Sheriff's dispatchers for monthly tests and actual weather alerts. The dispatcher will activate sirens across Lucas County when a TORNADO WARNING is issued by the National Weather Service or upon a report from public safety officers of an actual sighting of a tornado. Select sirens may also be activated for residents of Jerusalem Township to alert the public of an accident at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station that may threaten the health and safety of the public within ten miles of the facility. The warning sirens will NOT be activated to signal an "all clear".

Sirens will sound with a steady tone for a FULL THREE MINUTES for a TORNADO WARNING. When hearing a full three minute signal citizens should immediately go indoors or otherwise seek shelter from severe weather that may already exist in their area. Siren activations will be followed by an Emergency Alert System (EAS) broadcast message or special news bulletin over commercial radio and television channels that will provide specific information and/or instructions.

The intent of the sirens is to provide ample warning for persons to protect themselves and seek additional information regarding the issue at hand. Because of this, sirens may sound before hazardous conditions exist. Due to the nature of severe weather, hazardous conditions may also develop before an activation of the sirens is possible. Lucas County has a county-wide siren system. Therefore, although a tornado warning could be issued by the NWS for only part of the county, all Lucas County sirens would be activated. Thus, it is important to tune into other avenues of information (i.e. NOAA weather radio, local media, etc).

SIREN MALFUNCTION] If you realize that a siren is not functioning properly, please contact Lucas County Emergency Management Agency staff at 419-213-6503. They will need to know the siren location and description of the problem in order to direct the maintenance/repair to the malfunctioning siren.

Net Statistics:

Check-ins: _____ (number) Revised 03 May 2015

Net time: _____ (minutes)