



Skywarn Recognition Day 2024

The 24-hour 2024 Skywarn Recognition Day Special Operating Event will take place on Friday, December 7, 2024 (December 6, 7 pm ET until December 7, 7 pm ET). This annual event – not a contest – recognizes the important work performed by Amateur Radio operators who are part of the Skywarn weather spotting network. There is additional information, including a list of participating NWS offices nationwide, on the following website:

www.weather.gov/crh/skywarnrecognition

In the past, our local NWS office – callsign WX8MQT – has been a participant. For those who are unaware, there are fully functional HF and VHF/UHF stations in the office. Speaking with Matt Zika, KD8EFY they would like to again sponsor an operation. Because of ongoing security concerns, you must be cleared in advance to enter the NWS office. So if interested, please contact Matt at matthew.zika@noaa.gov. Alternatively in past years operation has been permitted from home stations using the WX8MQT call. If interested in going that route, please notify me (n8nav1@charter.net) so that I can keep track of who is operating. In either case, you **MUST**:

1. Maintain a written log of all contacts that must be submitted to Matt after the event (for record purposes).
2. Only operate in the bands/modes available to your own license (the WX8MQT license does not give you increased operating privileges.)

Having participated for a number of years now, I can tell you that this is a fun event! The object is to work as many of the NWS offices **AND** Hams in general. There is a nice certificate based on the total number of contacts made.

Good Luck and Good Hunting!

73 de Jim, N8NAV