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SKYWARN Recognition Day



The Shelby County Office of Preparedness recognizes the dedication and public service efforts of trained volunteer weather spotters on December 5, 2015, **Skywarn Recognition Day (SRD)**.

Dale Lane, Shelby County Office of Preparedness Director said, "Skywarn volunteers, many of them amateur radio operators, are the eyes and ears on the ground providing real-time weather information. Their reports of funnel clouds, hail, flooding, snow accumulations, iced roadways, and damage aids emergency management tremendously during inclement weather events."

SRD also serves as an "on-air-event" for amateur radio operators. Gary Woodall, Warning Coordinator Meteorologist from the National Weather Service in Memphis said, "In West Tennessee, the Memphis NWS MEG office will be operating station WX4MEM for the 2015 Skywarn Recognition Day on Saturday, December 5, from 0800 to 1600 CST. Corey Chaskelson N0VQR and Gary Woodall KD5WUT will be on the air intermittently on 80m, 40m, 2m, and 70cm. Please contact Corey at corey.chaskelson@noaa.gov for additional information."

Created in 1999 by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), SRD celebrates the nearly 290,000 volunteers who assist the National Weather Service and emergency management agencies.

For more information about Skywarn Recognition Day or to find out more about Skywarn training, please visit: www.stayafeshelby.us, www.weather.gov, or www.arrrl.org.

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