

APPENDIX A-4

SKYWARN

Skywarn is the name given to the group of spotters who cooperate with the National Weather Service in providing real-time, visual sightings of severe weather. The National Weather Service office dispatches radio operators to observe potentially severe weather. While this is not truly a function of our Club, it is mentioned here since it is one the most common Public Service activities we are involved with.

Our Club's repeater is used not only for Skywarn operation in Mercer County, but also as an interface with similar Skywarn operations in Lawrence, Columbiana, Mahoning, and Trumbull Counties. A general *call-up* of the Skywarn observers in Mercer County is accomplished by means of a remotely controlled computer dial and delivery systems. This computer dials a list of phone numbers and delivers a pre-recorded message. This allows all active Skywarn Members to be notified automatically.

During Skywarn operations, all routine communications are prohibited. You're asked to check into the Net if one is activated, and then follow the instructions of Net Control.