

SCC ARPSC MICON Liaison Procedures

In order to perform the MICON Key Station (KS) duties an individual must:

- Be a trained MICON operator for St Clair County and familiar with the MICON Manual
- Be appointed by the County EC and Registered with MICON-DTX
- Ideally should have access to the internet and a working computer.
- The MICON Key Station needs to have a base radio capable of reaching 443.625 MHz KC8UMP and the local VHF repeaters in use for SKYWARN. The Key Station must be able to monitor both nets simultaneously. In the absence of a MICON Net the KS will report to NWS via the 1-800 808-0006 Spotter Hotline. Another possibility is NWSSchat, if you are authorized.

There shall be ONLY one MICON Key Station Operator for any St Clair County SKYWARN Net and that operator will have the tactical call sign MICON. Key Stations must maintain operations until relieved by a qualified operator or the county is excused from the MICON Net. In some cases the KS may handle multiple tasks; such as 74EMER or WX Monitor.

1. Make contact with the SCC SKYWARN NCS on the 146.720 (or best possible repeater) and see if a MICON KS operator is needed. If this is the case proceed. If not, be prepared to accept any task for which you are qualified.
2. Hail K8DTX on the 443.625 MHz repeater or MI5-EV1 DMR (see ICS217A) for details.
3. Give the NCS at K8DTX your **call sign** and **name**. Inform them you will be the St Clair County Key Station for the weather event. Give them the Condition of the SCC SKYWARN Net, (Standby, Green, Yellow, or Red.) Your MICON Net tactical sign will be "ST CLAIR". Obtain any updates or briefings pertaining to St Clair County from MICON NCS.
4. Advise the SCC SKYWARN NCS that you have checked into the MICON Net and pass any pertinent information.
5. Continue to monitor both nets. The MICON NCS will conduct status checks (roll calls) similar to the St Clair County NCS. They will also contact any counties as directed by the National Weather Service to issue severe weather statements.

6. If you receive a severe weather statement from MICON Net, confirm that you understood the statement given on the MICON net. Inform MICON if the SCC Net will be changing to a different condition.

7. Contact the St Clair County NCS and give a brief synopsis of the severe weather statement. Consult with the NCS regarding the need to lower or raise the condition level.

8. It will be the responsibility of the KS to relay any urgent weather condition information to the MICON Net. Some examples would be: Funnel clouds, tornados, severe winds, severe damage, severe flooding, or severe hail. The KS must use discretion when reporting this information to the MICON Net as it may affect the current level of that net. (MICON functions similar to our SKYWARN Net and will set their Condition Level accordingly)

9. If any county assumes a Condition Red Status, DTX MICON will also go Red, narrowing their scope to Condition Red reports system wide. It is important to verify reports of Funnel Clouds or Tornadoes if at all possible before passing them.

The operator should monitor and log spotter reports as they are provided to the NCS so that the NCS will not need to repeat the information.

10. Log all actionable activity on ICS 309 Form and forward to the AEC/SKYWARN

11. Steps 5 – 8 will continue throughout the net.

It will also be the responsibility of the KS to obtain damage reports from the St Clair County NCS after the storm has passed. The KS should use discretion and transmit this information in the manner requested by DTX Net. Once SCC has shut down their net or the DTX NCS has released our county from the DTX net, relay any information necessary. NCS will advise your further status or reassignment, if you are available.

Assuming MICON Relief Duties

- If you are to assume Key Station, make contact with the current KS and inform them you are ready to take over the duties.
- Be sure that you have received the information you need. This would include:
 1. Current weather advisories, watches and warnings (for SKYWARN).
 2. Current operational level of the net.
- Once the necessary information is obtained assume MICON KS duties.
- Hail K8DTX on the 443.625 Macomb repeater or MI5-EV1 DMR. (see ICS217A)

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- Follow all instructions previously stated in this document. (1-10 above)
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