



SKYWARN



Reporting Severe Weather In Montague County, Texas

2022

In the event of severe weather in Montague County, the Montague Emergency Communications Team collects storm reports from spotters and relays this information to the County Emergency Management Coordinator and the National Weather Service. Priority is given to the following reports:

- Tornados;*
- Funnel Clouds;*
- Rotating Wall Clouds;*
- Straight Line Winds in excess of 50 MPH;*
- Hail that is 3/4 inch in diameter (penny size) or larger;*
- Flooding;*
- Reports of any severe weather related injuries/damage.*

There are several ways that storm reports can be submitted. These include:

Public Safety Radio – Authorized users of the various public safety radio networks in Montague County (i.e. Fire Fighters, Police Officers, Sheriff’s Deputies, etc.), may make storm reports on the Montague County Fire Tactical (FTAC) repeater to “Skywarn Base” using your assigned unit number. In the event this repeater is not operational, the back-up repeater is the Nortex Regional repeater. Members of the Montague Emergency Communications Team serve as the net control operators for “Skywarn Base” during periods of severe weather, operating out of the Bowie Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Communications Unit.

Amateur Radio – Licensed amateur radio operators may make storm reports to the Montague Emergency Communications Team using the Bowie 2-meter repeater (145.3900 MHz, - offset, 192.8 KHz tone). In the event this repeater is not operational, the back-up repeater is the Nocona 2-meter repeater (147.3600 MHz, + offset, 123.0 KHz tone). If you are in the immediate vicinity of Bowie, you may also use the Bowie EOC 70 cm repeater (441.7750 MHz, + offset, 100.0 KHz tone). The Montague Emergency Communications Team’s amateur radio call sign is WX5ECT.

Social Media – Storm reports may also be made on the Montague Emergency Communications Team’s Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/MECTSkywarn>) or send a Tweet to @MontagueECT.

Reports should contain the following information:

WHO you are (trained spotter)

WHAT you witnessed (tornado, funnel cloud, hail, wind, flooding, etc.)

WHEN the event occurred (not when you make your report)

WHERE the event occurred (not necessarily your location) using well known roads/landmarks