New England Division Cabinet Meeting – Boston Marathon Volunteer Recruitment and Brief New England SKYWARN Update

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Boston Marathon Volunteer Recruitment

- **Boston Marathon – Monday April 18th, 2022 – Volunteer Registration Opened – Wednesday 1/5/22**
  - Volunteer registration for the 2022 Boston Marathon opened on Wednesday 1/5/22 and remains open through Friday 2/18/22 at 500 PM EST
  - Volunteer registration link: https://www.baa.org/races/boston-marathon/volunteer/volunteer-registration
  - Volunteer registration step-by-step guide: https://hamradioboston.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/44002294773-2022-volunteer-registration-step-by-step-guide
  - If you are unsure if you can volunteer but are interested, sign-up now and if your status changes, notify the team of your status change as early as possible
  - Extensions to the volunteer deadline are unlikely for the 2022 race as the volunteer window was expanded to be 2 years longer than prior years
  - For more information and questions, please use the email address contact@hamradioboston.org and a member of the Amateur Radio Committee will contact you

What is SKYWARN? – New England Perspetive

- **SKYWARN**
  - The National Weather Service's volunteer weather spotting program which provides timely severe weather reporting to NWS for the protection of life and property.
  - The SKYWARN Amateur Radio program is an ARES function across New England (Could involve RACES or other groups across the country).
  - SKYWARN training sessions (approx. 3 hour sessions) and due to COVID have been given remotely over platforms such as Google Meet, Zoom etc.
  - You don't need to be an Amateur Radio Operator to become a SKYWARN Spotter though it is very useful.
  - Four NWS Forecast Offices are in the New England Division directly:
    - NWS Boston/Norton Massachusetts
    - NWS Gray Maine
    - NWS Caribou Maine
    - NWS Burlington Vermont
  - Two other NWS offices outside of New England cover parts of the New England region
    - NWS Albany New York (Covers Berkshire County Mass/Litchfield County CT)
    - NWS Brookhaven New York (Covers Southern Connecticut)
  - Amateur Radio operations have all been remote since March 2020 due to COVID (edict by national HQ) yet remain very critical in all hazards weather ground truth across the region

New England SKYWARN Resources

- WX1BOX, Amateur Radio station, at NWS Boston/Norton Mass
  - NWS Boston/Norton Amateur Radio station web site: http://www.wx1box.org
  - WX1BOX Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/wx1box
  - WX1BOX Twitter Page: https://www.twitter.com/wx1box
  - NWS Boston/Norton SKYWARN Page: https://www.weather.gov/box/skywarn#fragment2a
- WX1GYX, Amateur Radio station at NWS Gray Maine
  - NWS Gray Maine Amateur Radio Station web site: https://wx1gyx.wordpress.com/
  - NWS Gray Maine SKYWARN Page: https://www.weather.gov/gyx/skywarn
  - NWS Caribou Maine SKYWARN program link: https://www.weather.gov/car/Outreach_Spotters
  - Vermont ARES and NWS Burlington Vermont through NWS forecaster KC1MYT-Robert Haynes are working on a more active Amateur Radio SKYWARN Program:
  - NWS Burlington VT SKYWARN Program link: https://www.weather.gov/btv/skywarn
- New England SKYWARN Net Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/681471096164334

Thank You for your commitment to SKYWARN, ARES and Public Service

It makes a major difference to the Amateur Radio Service and the community!!