

Erik E. McCord was born at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights, Illinois. I lived in Round Lake, Illinois, until 1986, when I moved to Tennessee.

While in high school, I volunteered with Blountville Emergency Response and Rescue, as well as the Sullivan County Volunteer Fire Department. I obtained my certification as an Emergency Medical Technician with IV Therapy training.

After I graduated high school, I developed a passion for weather. I decided to attend college and study Meteorology at the University of North Carolina in Asheville. However, life got in the way, and I never finished my degree. I did take several online Meteorology courses through COMET MetEd, offered by the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, CO. I hold the designation of Certified Advanced SKYWARN Spotter for the National Weather Service in Morristown, TN.

My brother, J. J. McCord (N9TN), encouraged me to obtain my Amateur Radio License in 2010. I received my Technician license in November 2010, with the callsign KJ4ZIT. I earned my General license in 2011 and then obtained the Amateur Extra license in 2012. In 2013, I received the vanity callsign WX4ET.

In 2011, I was appointed as the Sullivan County Coordinator for Northeast Tennessee District VII SKYWARN. In 2015, I was promoted to District Coordinator, a position I held until December 2024, when I decided to step down.

In 2011, I became a member of the Society for the Preservation of Amateur Radio, which organized an event called Winter Field Day. In late 2015, I became one of the five founders of the Winter Field Day Association.

Other Amateur Radio activities included co-leading the STEAM Day event at Towne Acres Elementary School in Johnson City, TN, for 10 years alongside my brother, J. J. McCord, N9TN. I enjoy participating in Summits On The Air and also Parks On The Air. Additionally, I serve as a Volunteer Examiner through the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) VEC, Western Carolina VEC (WCARS), and W4VEC-VEC.

I enjoy hiking to mountain tops and waterfalls. I also enjoy traveling, photography and I am a drone pilot.

Best Regards,

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