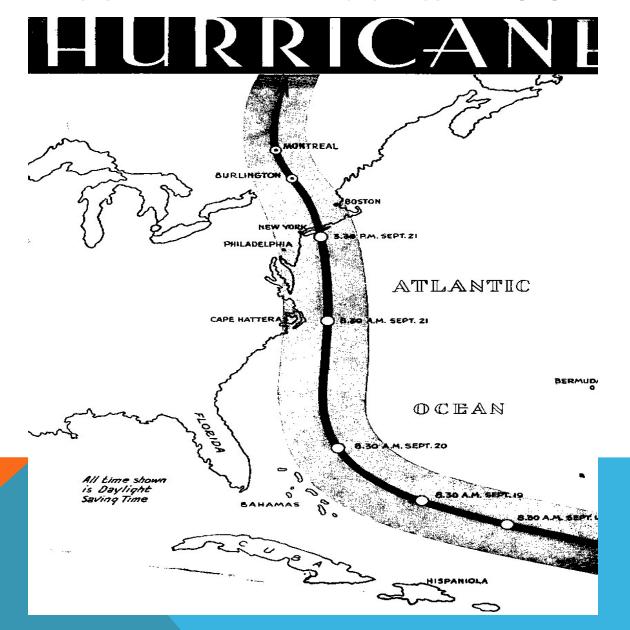






CT DEMHS
STATEWIDE EXERCISE
&
CT ARES
SIMULATED EMERGENCY
TEST
JULY 2012





### CAT 3

#### **Storm Winds Recorded**

Sustained: 121 mph

Peak Gust: 186 mph

**Record Low Pressure** 

28.00" (Middletown, CT)

## TIDES 18 to 25 foot

Severe River Flooding
Connecticut River
+ 19.4 feet above flood stage
(Hartford)

#### **1938 Hurricane Summary**

Widespread inland flooding, high winds inland, with severe coastal flooding.

**PUBLIC IMPACT** 

**Deaths: 564 Injured: >1,700** 

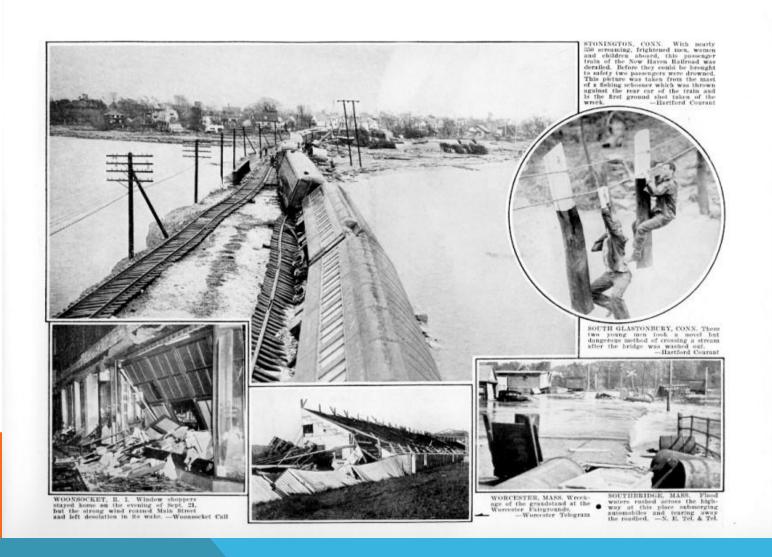
**BOATING IMPACT** 

Destroyed: 2,600 Damaged: 3,300

**HOMES/BUILDINGS** 

**Destroyed: 8,900 Damaged: > 15,000** 

## Catastrophic fires touched off by power lines in Connecticut!







#### **ASSUMPTION:**

# NWS Provides a 3 Day Advance Warning. (unlike 1938)

#### 3 Day Warning = TIME to ....

- √ Square away your home
- ✓ Batten down the hatches
- √ Charge your batteries
- ✓ Pre-Flight your Go Box, Go Kit, and Go Bag.
- √ Stock up on Fuel (fill car & 5 gal. cans)
- ✓ Load your vehicle.

### G.O.O.D. (as you see fit)

#### **Anticipated Impact**

- Trees Down:
- Power Lines Down
- Telephone Lines Down
- Cable Lines Down
- Communication Towers Down ?
   (Surviving 185 mph winds?)

#### RESULT

- Roads become impassable
- Travel becomes "difficult"
- No Electricity (w/o Generators)
- No Heat
- No Water (home wells)
- Major Building and Boat damage
- Fires
- Regular Comm Systems go In-Op.

  And... NO INTERNET! ARGH! ®

OKAY....

NOW

WHAT?

#### **Emergency Operation Plan "A"**

# Use Existing Repeaters for as long as they remain working

FIRST UP...

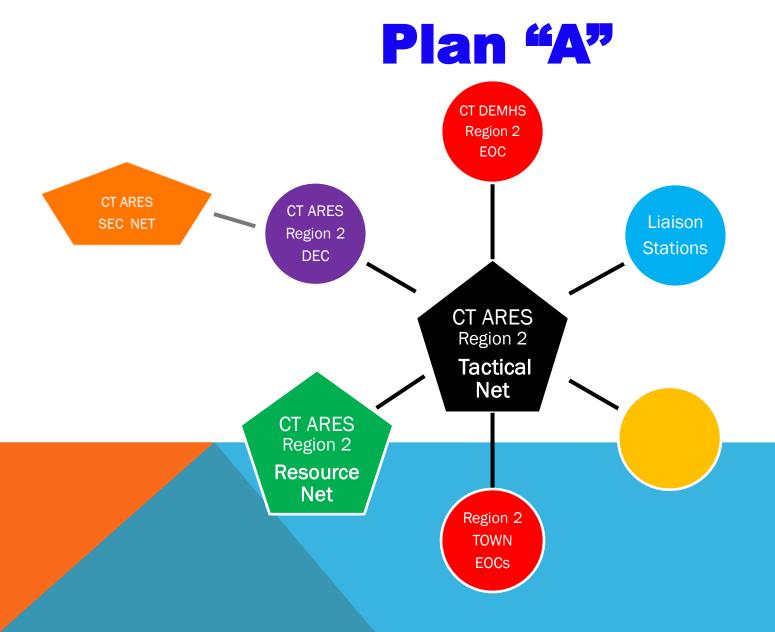
**ARES-Skywarn** 

### TRANSITION TIME

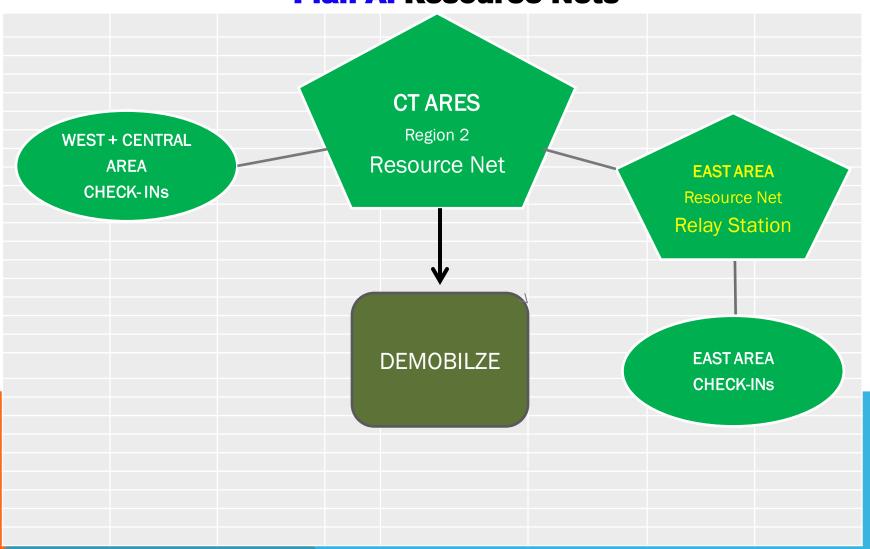
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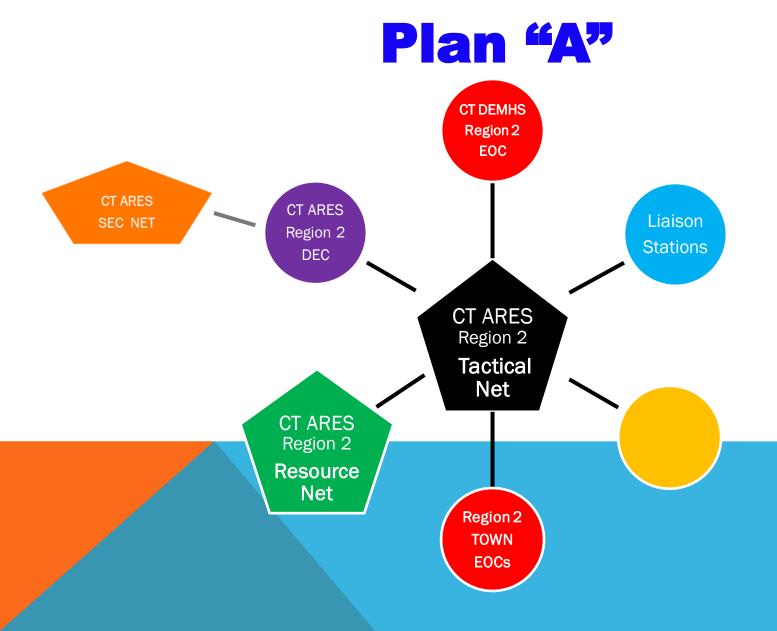
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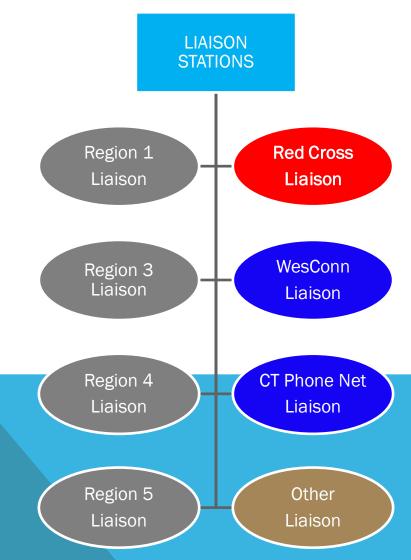


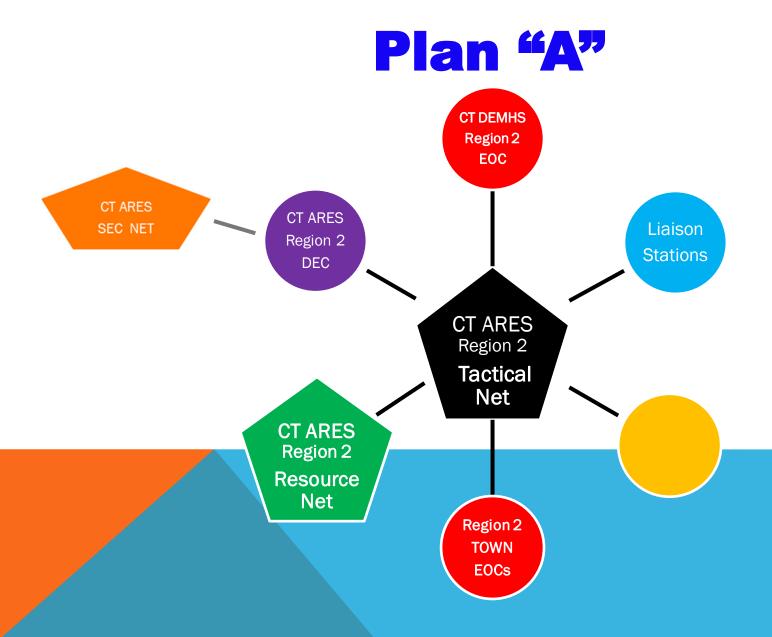
**Plan A: Resource Nets** 





#### **Plan "A": Liaison Stations**





**PLAN "A" - Repeater Nets** 

But ...
ARE YOU
PREPARED
?

#### **PLAN "A" - Repeater Nets**

- ✓ A Portable 2m/440 Antenna (" GAIN")
- ✓ A Way To Elevate and Secure It
- ✓ Enough Coax to feed it.
- Coax Adapters (as needed)
- ✓ Repeater Net Frequencies List
- ✓ HEADSET
- Speaker Mic (optional... but very handy)

## AND THEN... THERE WAS TROUBLE...

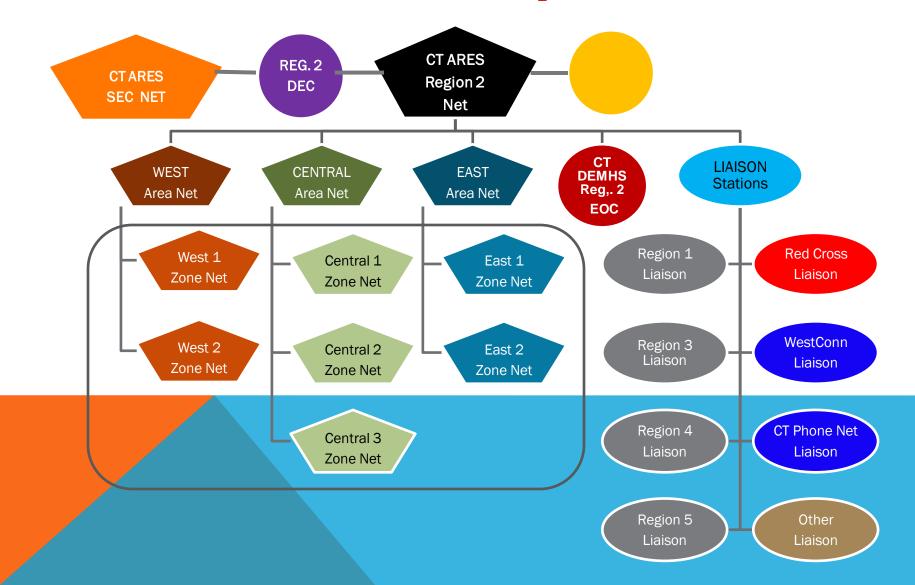
# CAT 3 Storm Takes Down ALL REPEATERS

#### **Emergency Operation Plan "B"**

**Simplex Nets** 

Zone Area Region

#### PLAN "B" - Simplex Nets



PLAN "B" - Simplex Nets

AREA Simplex Nets
Use Output Freqs.
West - 442.500
Central - 147.505
East - .29

#### PLAN "B" - Simplex Nets

ARE YOU PREPARED TO GO... SIMPLEX?

#### **SIMPLEX NEEDS**

- ✓ A Portable 2m/440 Antenna (" GAIN")
- ✓ A Way To Elevate and Secure It
- ✓ Enough Coax to feed it
- √ Coax Adapters (as needed)
- ✓ Simplex Net Frequencies List
- **✓ HEADSET**
- Speaker Mic (optional... but very handy)

### **QUESTIONS?**

# CT DEMHS Exercise Next...

- 2 Parts
- Pre Landfall

Post Landfall

# 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Exercise ✓ Pre Landfall

ARES-Skywarn is activated.

# CT ARES Alert Levels Rise

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Exercise ✓ Post Landfall

# CT ARES is activated.

# CT ARES Mission: To Light Up Every EOC in Connecticut

# HOW? 2 Ways.

# Option 1 (Preferred) Operate from inside the EOC.

Option 2 (next best)

Operate from the EOC Parking Lot (or, across the street)

Method: Step 1

Monitor the "Tactical Net"

Check-In the "Resource Net"

### Method: Step 2

**LISTEN** – Monitor Net Frequencies.

"A Quiet Net is a Peaceful Net"

#### **Use Good Judgement.**

**Transmit only when you have:** 

- Official traffic to pass
- A request to make
- A response to Net Control.

Method: Step 3

#### RECORD KEEPING

- Maintain an Event Log Book
- Keep a Message Log Book.
- Make notes on THE GOOD, THE BAD and THE UGLY.

(These will be vital for the After Action Report)

### Method: Step 4

#### **BE SELF-SUFFICIENT**

- ✓ Bring an extra Battery for your portable radio.
- ✓ Pack Food and Beverages (non-alcoholic) for the day.
- ✓ Bring any Medications you would need for a 24 hr shift.
- ✓ Bring Paper/ Notebooks/ Log Books/ Radiograms/ pencils/ pens, etc,

## QUESTIONS?

Thank you.
See you in July.

