



Dannel P. Malloy, Governor

## State of Connecticut Situation Report



Department of Emergency Services  
& Public Protection

### **Hurricane Irene Report Period: 28 August 2011 0900-1200 HRS Situation Report #14**

State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level: Full Activation

On Thursday August 25, 2011 at 4:55pm Governor Dannel Malloy proclaimed a state of civil preparedness emergency pursuant to CGS 28-9 relating to Hurricane Irene's expected landfall on Sunday August 28, 2010. The State EOC is fully staffed with additional partners.

#### History Summary

A WebEOC Incident has been opened "*24 Aug 2011 Hurricane Irene*".

Since early Thursday August 25, 2011 planning and preparation efforts have been occurring to prepare for the adverse effects of Hurricane Irene. Debris management and commodities teams are putting plans in place for actions immediately after the storm passes.

Current Response Information: The Hurricane is in-state and moving through.

No injuries reported

One death related to a residential fire caused by downed power lines. Two injured firefighters were treated and released.

A transportation ban of tractor trailers is LIFTED. Rte 15 (Merritt/Wilbur Cross Parkway) is now open.

All non-emergency travel is discouraged, many trees are down and wind gusts persist.

77 Shelters are open statewide serving 1980 persons.

State and Federal response assets and teams are on stand-by, DMAT, SAR, Shelter Support, Debris Management, Utilities crews.

#### MUNICIPALITIES WHICH HAVE DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY

Total for the event: 36

#### **WEATHER**

**TROPICAL STORM IRENE CENTERED JUST SOUTHEAST OF NEW YORK CITY...MOVING NORTH NORTHEAST AT 26 MPH...**

**VERY HEAVY TREE DAMAGE BEING REPORTED ACROSS MOST OF CONNECTICUT...**

**URBAN AND SMALL STREAM FLOOD WARNINGS REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR SOUTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT...**

At 9:00 AM the center of Tropical Storm Irene was located near 40.7 North 74.0 West (Approximately 20 Miles South Southwest of New York City). Irene has maximum sustained winds of 65 MPH and is moving to the North Northeast at 18 MPH.

Very heavy tree and power line damage is being reported across most of the state with a total of over 500,000 outages.

Irene is forecast to move through extreme Western Connecticut during the next 3 – 4 hours as a Strong Tropical Storm. At 9:00 AM winds along the coast were gusting to 51 MPH in New London. Very heavy rainfall continues across most of the state with rainfall totals in Western Connecticut exceeding 8 inches in many locations.

After the passage of Irene a second period of strong West and Northwest winds is likely this afternoon and early this evening with wind gusts to 60 MPH at times.

River flooding from Irene is forecast to be moderate to major in Western CT and moderate in Eastern CT. The Housatonic River is especially vulnerable to major flooding. Moderate to major coastal flooding is possible with storm surges of 4 to 5 feet possible in Western Long Island Sound during high tide this morning at 11:00 AM.

Requests for assistance from the State Emergency Operations Center:

Regional Coordinators have received requests from local EMDs and Municipalities for resources, primarily consisting of sandbags and cots. August 24-27 totals sandbags 60,890, cots 8,586.

**Currently Represented at State Emergency Operations Center:**

**Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security**

DEMHS continues to act as the Multi Agency Coordinator. Ongoing planning, response and recovery operations are underway.

**Division of State Police**

**Connecticut State Police Statewide Activity:**

**Sunday 08/28/11 0001 hours – Sunday 08/28/11 1130 hours**

Calls for Service: **1001**

Accidents: **20**

Accidents with Injuries: **1**

DUI- **2**

Motorist Assists: **24**

Non-Reportable: **966**

**Major Highway Corridors:**

Multiple trees down affecting all state roadways

**Secondary State Roadways:**

Numerous road closures due to trees down

**Significant Active Incidents:**

Evacuations being conducted in and around the trailer parks in Beacon Falls

**Running Event Totals:**

**Friday 08/26/11 0800 hours through Sunday 08/28/11 1130 hours**

Calls for Service: **3783**

Accidents: **220**

Accidents with Injuries: **35**

Fatalities: **1**

DUI- **8**

Motorist Assists: **235**

Non-Reportable: **2938**

**Department of Transportation**

The tractor trailer ban has been lifted, proceed with caution.

The Willington westbound rest area will be closed due to power outage and backup generator not repairable.

**ROAD CLOSURES – Excel spreadsheet attached**

**TSA**

Bradley International Airport open, no flight activity

Tweed New Haven Regional Airport, closed

**Commission on Fire Prevention and Control**

Two injured firefighters treated at St Mary's Hospital from the Prospect fatal fire. Control Desk is coordinating the delivery of fire pumps to the State reception area.

**Connecticut Army National Guard**

The CTNG Joint Operations Center is activated. The CTNG is currently providing a representative to the State EOC. The CTNG has established three Task Forces and currently has 886 Soldiers and Airmen prepared to execute probable mission assignments.

**Department of Health**

Torrington MRC to provide shelter support.  
12 Skilled nursing facilities operating on generators.

**Department of Corrections**

Staff continues to support EOC and regional office activities. Inmates are in lockdown.

**DAS BEST**

No change in status.

**Metropolitan District Commission**

Crews are standing by and responding when possible. No significant issues.

**Department of Energy and Environmental Protection**

City of Waterbury Sewer Department @ 210 Municipal Road, Waterbury will be in bi pass, storm related, for undetermined amount of time. The bi pass will be partially treated and disinfected. City of Waterbury will be bi passing into the Naugatuck River with unknown total until the end of bi pass.  
Middletown Waste Water Treatment Plant reports a secondary bypass of partially treated sewage, released into Connecticut River. Sewer by-pass in Cromwell affecting Connecticut River and in Simsbury affecting the Farmington River.

**Department of Agriculture**

No requests for assistance or information. They are maintaining contact with various animal control facilities.

**American Red Cross (ARC)**

American Red Cross reports 77 shelters currently open with a population of 1980.

**U S Coast Guard**

Vessels will deploy for urgent search and rescue only, conditions permitting

**United Illuminating**

137,155 customers affected – Will respond when and where available.

**Connecticut Light & Power**

531,831 customers affected - Will respond when and where available.

**Millstone Power Station**

Millstone continues to provide representation at the SEOC. The plant is stable and staff is monitoring conditions.

## **A T & T**

A construction engineering representative is staffing the SEOC. 21 of the 734 cell site have been affected by the storm located primarily along the shoreline between Guilford to Stamford which may impair cellular service. Restoration to begin as soon as conditions allow.

## **SPRINT**

As of 8/28/2011 1129, the Sprint network is reporting the following statistics for the State of Connecticut:  
CDMA Total Call success rate of 95.76%  
iDEN Total Call success rate of 99.71%  
Various outages are reported for Sprint Wireless CDMA, iDEN, and 4G networks

## **Connecticut Insurance Department**

Nearby States have offered assistance. Additional adjusters have been licensed in Connecticut and over 1,000 adjusters are available for post storm assignments.

## **Department of Developmental Services**

DDS has been quiet overnight... nothing to report.

## **Department of Consumer Protection**

DCP status is unchanged, no requests for information or assistance.

## **Info Line (2-1-1)**

Providing information about power outages

## **FEMA**

IMAT fully integrated in State. Resources staged around State & surrounding States, DMAT, USAR, SAR Teams, Etc.

**DEMHS Regional Offices:** All offices are experiencing tress/wires down and power outages.

## **REGION 1**

Monitoring current weather conditions / power outage information, disseminating weather updates, Coordination and processing of requests for State assistance, monitoring / data entry WebEOC

**Request for State Assistance :** None

**Activities:** Unchanged from prior SITREPS

**Local EOC Status:** No status changes – All towns at FULL activation

Bridgeport had brief issue with power / generator power to EOC/PSAP. This was almost immediately corrected,

**Shelter Status: TOTAL :** 15 shelters

**Region 1 Volunteer Team Activations:**

CERT - 4

Disaster Team – 1

SART – 1

MRC – 4

**Other:**

Region 1 Office tested Region 1 High-Band radio with Region 1 municipalities

## **REGION 2**

All Region 2 municipalities are monitoring impact of Hurricane Irene.

**REQUESTS FOR STATE ASSISTANCE:** None

Lower Housatonic River is at Flood Warning Status. Reported outflow of 40,000 cfs reported at 1130.

**CURRENT ACTIVITIES:** Monitoring weather conditions. Regular communications / information sharing with Region 2 municipalities.

**EOC STATUS:** As of 1130 hours (reported) following municipalities have activated their respective EOCs: Cheshire, Clinton, Deep River, Shelton.

**SHELTER OPENINGS:** Additional Shelter openings during this reporting period. Seymour.

**OTHER:** Declaration of State of Emergency – Towns of Woodbridge and Orange Declarations received.

## **REGION 3**

Monitoring conditions and requests from towns for support, specific power outage problems and requests for State assistance, monitoring / data entry WebEOC

**Local EOC Status:** All 41 Towns have opened their EOCs.

**Shelter Status** – TOTAL 31 shelters

Local Declarations – 22 Towns have issued Emergency Declarations. Latest declaration made by Burlington.

Requests for State Assistance: Requests for State assistance have been forwarded to the OPS officer as received.

Latest request from Canton concerns flooding of their waste water treatment plant.

Other:

Significant power still outages occurring in the Region. 3 Town EOCs are without power and unable to communicate with the Region 3 office other than cell phone.

## **REGION 4**

### **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS / IMPACTS:**

All Region 4 municipalities are prepared for impact of Hurricane Irene.

**CURRENT ACTIVITIES:** Monitoring weather conditions. Regular communications / information sharing with Region 4 municipalities.

**EOC STATUS:** Following municipalities have activated their respective EOCs: Colchester, Stonington, East Lyme, Old Lyme, Thompson, Lebanon, Coventry, Willington, Groton City, North Stonington, Waterford, Groton Town, Ledyard, Sterling, Pomfret, Mashantucket T. N., Plainfield

**SHELTER OPENINGS:** The following report Shelter openings: East Lyme, North Stonington, Colchester, Groton, Stonington, Montville, Norwich, Plainfield, New London, Lisbon; Non-Red Cross: Thompson, Mashantucket Tribal Nation

### **REQUESTS FOR STATE ASSISTANCE:**

Numerous towns have requested, and received, sandbags and cots; Behavioral Health Response Team

## **REGION 5**

Region 5 Office Operations are being relocated to Torrington EOC. Services will continue to be provided.

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