



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY**



Tropical Storm Nicole

DEMHS State Emergency Operations Center Situation Report (SitRep)	
Time and Date	September 30, 2010 at 1900
Critical Incident Summary:	State EOC is partially activated. DEMHS continues to monitor weather updates. Regional offices are staffed and monitoring their towns for any problems. Regional offices will transmit any requests to the SEOC.
State Emergency Operations Center Activation level:	Partial Activation
Agencies present at SEOC	Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS), Department of Transportation (DOT), Fire Prevention and Control (CFPC), Department of Public Safety (State Police), Department of Public Health (DPH), Connecticut Light & Power (CL&P), State Military, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), United Illuminating (UI)
DEMHS Briefing	<p>State EOC is partially activated. DEMHS continues to monitor weather updates. Regional offices are staffed and monitoring their towns for any problems. Regional offices will transmit any requests to the SEOC.</p> <p>DEMHS will be holding a conference call for EMDs and state agencies at 2000 for update on the weather situation from T.S. Nicole. Everbridge message to go out to all EMDs in regards to the conference call.</p> <p>DEMHS coordinated with USACE, DEP, and DPS (State Building Inspector) regarding apartment building in Middletown with possible issues due to rain.</p>
Power Outages	<p>CL&P Outages – 1331</p> <p>UI Outages – 4</p> <p>Total - 1335</p>
National Weather Service (NWS) Summary	<p><u>High Wind Warning</u></p> <p>Fairfield County Litchfield County Middlesex County New London County New Haven County</p>

	<p><u>Flood Watch</u> Litchfield County Hartford County Tolland County Windham County Fairfield County New Haven County New London County Middlesex County</p>
<p>CT Weather Summary</p>	<p>At 6:00 PM radar continued to show a very large area of moderate to heavy rain stretching from Central NY State down the East Coast to Cape Hatteras and south to the Bahamas. This area of rain is moving quickly north up the East Coast and is beginning to slide to the east towards our area. South winds are currently gusting to near 30 MPH along the CT coast and are forecast to begin gradually increasing this evening. Showers are also expected to continue for the next few hours before heavier rain arrives. During the past hour another house was struck by a tree in Meriden. Both tree damage incidents in Beacon Falls and Meriden occurred during small showers. Towns are advised to assume that any showers or thunderstorms that form and move towards their towns contain high winds.</p> <p>The peak period for this storm is still expected between 10:00 PM and 2:00 AM in Southwestern CT and between 11:00 PM and 3:00 AM in Central CT and from 11:00 PM to 8:00 AM in Eastern CT. Based on early reports of damage, towns should be prepared for tree and some property damage as stronger winds and heavy rains move into the state from the west later this evening. Towns should continue to expect wind gusts (especially during periods of heavy rain or thunderstorms) to reach 55 – 60+ MPH at times and torrential downpours with rainfall rates of 1 – 2 inches per hour. Tree damage may be more widespread in areas that received heavy rain this morning that has soaked soils and may loosen some trees. Rainfall is still expected to total between 3 – 6 inches with locally higher amounts or around 7 inches possible in some areas before ending by mid afternoon on Friday.</p> <p>Also, Rocky River Dam has issued a River statement for the lower Housatonic river at the Stevenson Dam</p>

DEMHS Regional Updates

All regional offices are staffed and monitoring conditions from their towns.

Region 1

EOCs Open – Bridgeport, Fairfield, Westport, Norwalk, Greenwich, Trumbull

Wilton has activated their CERT team for a down tree and wires and using for traffic control

Region 2

EOCs Open – 0

Meriden EMD reports a tree struck a house, requests no assistance.

Region 3

EOCs Open - Middletown

Region 4

EOCs Open – 0

Region 5

EOCs Open – 0

Danbury reporting one minor area of flooding.

Beacon Falls has a tree through a house, but no request for assistance.

Agencies Situation Reports

DOT

DOT Highway Operation Storm Ctr. has been notified that the Hartford EOC is open and will stay open through the night. DOT forces are in "on call" status and can be mobilized where and when assistance is needed in less than 1 hour.

211

2-1-1 have briefed their call specialists on the storm and are prepared to handle any referrals.

DPH

There have been no calls or requests for assistance. They are ready to assist if needed.

DEP

DEP standing by and monitoring rivers. Middletown has determined "that any erosion that may occur will not effect the foundation system" of Building #118 of the Charton Apartments.

	<p><u>CL&P</u> CL&P held an internal Storm Conference Call at 1300 hrs that talked about arrangements for overnight crews. CL&P has put 50% of their field employees on-call for the night. They will be ready to go as needed. At 5:00 am on Friday morning CL&P will have 212 work crews along with 44 tree crews ready to go. CL&P next internal Storm Conference Call will be at 1900 hrs.</p> <p><u>CFPC</u> No storm related issues reported. No requests for aid from any fire departments.</p> <p><u>UI</u> The UI storm Center was opened at 1100 hours and was fully staffed by 1300 hours. 40 UI crews are on standby and available. 40 Contractor crews are on standby and available. 22 Line clearance crews are on standby and available. Lewis Tree has been contacted in the event that additional crews are needed.</p> <p><u>American Red Cross</u> The ARC has contacted disaster leadership personnel across the state and are ready to respond during and after the event if needed.</p> <p><u>DPS</u> Calls for Service: 394 Accidents: 14 Accidents with Injuries: 1 (Minor) Fatalities: 0 DWI- 0 Motorist Assists: 22</p>
<p>Federal Partners</p>	<p><u>US Coast Guard</u> The US Coast Guard advises that it does not intend to set Port Conditions and the ports of Sector Long Island Sound remain open to all vessel traffic and commercial activities. However, all mariners are advised to take prudent actions as the port may experience gale force winds as early as this afternoon.</p> <p>The COTP will make notifications as soon as waterway and bridge closures become apparent. All recreational boaters and mariners are urged to use caution as heavy weather approaches.</p>

School Closings	Some schools closed early in preparation of the storm. No determination had been made for school opening on Friday.
Other Issues	None at this time