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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: AAR DHS SHARES/ARS REGION 2- OPERATION DEEP FREEZE 2026

DATES: STARTEX: 241700ZJAN2026/ENDEX: 271700ZJAN2026

SUMMARY: A WINTER STORM WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED ACROSS THE COUNTRY: Heavy snow expected. The snow may mix with or change to sleet Sunday evening. Total snow and sleet accumulations between 10 and 14 inches in portions of northeast New Jersey and southeast New York from 3 AM Sunday to 6 PM EST Monday. Roads will become snow covered and hazardous. Visibilities may drop below 1/4 mile due to falling and blowing snow. Widespread power outages are expected. Persons should consider delaying travel from Sunday into Monday.

In coordination with DHS SHARES Region 2 Coordinator Steve Sykes/NNA2DK, we issued **EXORD SR2-DEEP FREEZE-001-JAN-2026** requesting voluntary activation of all statewide NY/NJ SHARES REGION 2 HF radio stations in support of Operation Deep Freeze 2026.

In coordination with established ARS: Amateur Radio Service Region 2 NY/NJ ARES/RACES POC's, we issued **EXORD ARS2-DEEP FREEZE-001-JAN-2026** to facilitate voluntary ARS activation of all statewide NY/NJ ARS Region 2 stations in support of Operation Deep Freeze 2026.

LOCATIONS: Statewide DHS SHARES and ARS Region 2 New York/New Jersey

1. **What was supposed to happen:**

All NY/NJ Region 2 SHARES/ARS stations are requested to voluntarily assist our SHARES Region 2 CSO HF Interoperability Network and send at least one (1) CSM: County Status Message for your respective NY/NJ county per 24-hour period using the WINLINK RMS GATEWAY system to Albany JFHQ-JOC station NNA2CR@WINLINK.ORG using the embedded “CSM County Status” form located in the WINLINK Template and Forms Manager under NY and NJ State Forms. Report "Real World" information and indicate "SHARES REGION 2 DEEP FREEZE JAN 2026" for LINE-1 INCIDENT of your CSM. Also ensure to use LINE-19 REMARKS of your CSM for any additional information.

Alternatively, DHS SHARES Region 2 stations may also utilize our SHARES Region 2 HF Interoperability Network for direct connectivity to JFHQ-JOC station NNA2CR to pass your CSM traffic securely with VARA HF Chat.

2. What actually happened:

Both the ARS and DHS SHARES Region 2 CSO: Civil Support Operations community effectively and proficiently exercised the WINLINK Radio Email System as requested post EXORD distribution. Stations expediently passed CSM: County Status Message traffic for the duration of the activation to JFHQ-JOC SHARES station NNA2CR in Albany, NY. Alternatively, DHS SHARES Region 2 stations also utilized our established 24/7 operational HF Interoperability Network to establish direct secure connectivity with JFHQ-JOC station NNA2CR to pass CSM traffic via VARA HF Chat.

3. What went well:

Impromptu planning and coordination between both Region 2 ARS ARES/RACES and DHS SHARES to expeditiously disseminate EXORD documents and solicit voluntary participation in the wake of an impending "Real World" CSO event.

Employing use of the WINLINK Radio Email System to collect CSM traffic from the Region 2 ARS and SHARES CSO community.

The use of digital radio waveform VARA HF Chat offers continued proof of capability as a viable means of sending secure 256-bit AES encrypted digital message radio traffic over statewide NY/NJ SHARES HF radio links. This SHARES Region 2 HF Interoperability Network is active 24/7 for impromptu "Real Time" training and "Real World" CSO operations. Both JFHQ-JOC station NNA2CR and NYS EOC station WGY942 in Albany are active on this CSO network.

4. What needs improvement:

A collective effort is in progress to invigorate New Jersey Region 2 SHARES capability and establish direct connectivity between both New Jersey and New York State EOC's utilizing our SHARES Region 2 HF Interoperability Network. In the absence of an established collection point, New Jersey currently sends all SHARES CSO radio message traffic to JFHQ-JOC station NNA2CR in Albany. Ideally, NJ State EOC should also be operating under the umbrella of the DHS SHARES HF Radio Program and then integrated into our existing HF interoperability network. The DHS SHARES HF Radio Program facilitates a Common Operating Picture and Continuity of Operations for all OGA's in support of our CSO Mission as part of PACE Planning. JFHQ-JOC SHARES Station NNA2CR in Albany, NY is a repository station for collecting all "Real World" and "Real Time" NYS CSO radio message traffic for file, review and action with Continuity of Operations to NYS DHSES EOC Station WGY942 also in Albany, NY.

5. Lessons learned:

This was a collective effort of all Region 2 NY/NJ CSO OGA's: Other Government Agencies and proof of capability demonstrating interoperability in support of our CSO: Civil Support Operations mission. The CSM: County Status Message is the most effective method to assess the basic health and welfare status and functionality of a state county for local and/or state EOC/OEM emergency prioritization. This exercise was a demonstration of Continuity of Operations in support of CSO Interoperability between multiple OGA's and proof of capability that we can work together to bridge the inherent gaps of emergency radio communications. The ARS has proven to be a viable link to bridge this gap. The ARS is the backbone of "Real Time" information in the case of a "Real World" CSO event. The ARS is an invaluable CSO resource on a national level and cannot be overlooked.

6. **Participants**: Consolidated CSM traffic sent to NYS JFHQ-JOC NNA2CR

NY TALLY: TWENTY-SIX (26) NY ARS/SHARES CSM County Status Messages

KD2KAK: NY COUNTY: JEFFERSON/TOWN: CHAMPION
KD2RJP: NY COUNTY: CLINTON/TOWN: PLATTSBURGH
WU2M: NY COUNTY: FULTON/TOWN: JOHNSTOWN
K1FU: NY COUNTY: ROCKLAND/TOWN: PEARL RIVER
KE2GKE: NY COUNTY: SAINT LAWRENCE/TOWN: GOUVERNEUR
K2TRR: NY COUNTY: SCHOHARIE/TOWN: MIDDLEBURGH
WB2LWX: NY COUNTY: KINGS/TOWN: BROOKLYN
W2JMU: NY COUNTY: ORANGE/TOWN: HIGHLAND
KC2LOC: NY COUNTY: MONROE/TOWN: CHILI
KD2PWD: NY COUNTY: JEFFERSON/TOWN: LERAY
N2GOP: NY COUNTY: ROCKLAND/TOWN: VALLEY COTTAGE
KB2RSK: NY COUNTY: MONTGOMERY/TOWN: FORT PLAIN
KC2DKP: NY COUNTY: ERIE/TOWN: ORCHARD PARK
W2LGB: NY COUNTY: ROCKLAND/TOWN: THIELLS
KE2I: NY COUNTY: DUTCHESS/TOWN: PLEASANT VALLEY
W2TLJ: NY COUNTY: CHAUTAUGUA/TOWN: POLAND
NNA2AO: NY COUNTY: SUFFOLK/TOWN: BROOKHAVEN
NNA2AY: NY COUNTY: ONONDAGA/TOWN: CAMILLUS
NNA2BF: NY COUNTY: NASSAU/TOWN: OYSTER BAY
NNA2AN: NY COUNTY: ONONDAGA/TOWN: SYRACUSE
NNA2BN: NY COUNTY: JEFFERSON/TOWN: CHAMPION
NNA2BY: NY COUNTY: ERIE/TOWN: ANGOLA
NNA2CY: NY COUNTY: MONROE/TOWN: PENFIELD
NNA2BK: NY COUNTY: ROCKLAND/TOWN: WESLEY HILLS
NNA2AX: NY COUNTY: ORANGE/TOWN: MONROE
NNA2CZ: NY COUNTY: HAMILTON/TOWN: LONG LAKE

NJ TALLY: Fifteen (15) NJ ARS/SHARES CSM County Status Messages

N2KDX: NJ COUNTY: CAMDEN/TOWN: ATCO
W2ILT: NJ COUNTY: CAMDEN/TOWN: LAUREL SPRINGS
KD2JGO: NJ COUNTY: HUDSON/TOWN: BAYONNE
NU3E: NJ COUNTY: BURLINGTON/TOWN: FLORENCE
NC1A: NJ COUNTY: OCEAN/TOWN: BRICK
N2LVI: NJ COUNTY: BURLINGTON/TOWN: EVESHAM
KC2SMS: NJ COUNTY: MERCER/TOWN: HAMILTON
K2EFG: NJ COUNTY: BERGEN/TOWN: FORT LEE

K2LAX: NJ COUNTY: BERGEN/TOWN: OAKLAND
N2JLF: NJ COUNTY: BERGEN/TOWN: LITTLE FERRY
KS2YEW: NJ COUNTY: PASSAIC/TOWN: POMPTON LAKES
WJ3P: NJ COUNTY: MERCER/TOWN: HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
K2EXX: NJ COUNTY: ESSEX/TOWN: NORTH CALDWELL
NNA2CV: NJ COUNTY: SUSSEX/TOWN: BRANCHVILLE
NNA2AU: NJ COUNTY: BERGEN/TOWN: OAKLAND

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