

Appendix XIII

RACES EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

Response and Activations Levels

Level 0: - There is no current or anticipated need for a RACES activation or RACES operators may now stand down from a higher activation level.

Level 1: A potential for a communication emergency exists. All VEM RACES members (regional or statewide) are put on stand-by status and should monitor their local VEM RACES net frequencies and email for information on the anticipated condition and possible activation notices.

Level 2: An unusual condition, event, or non-declared emergency exists that has caused state or local officials to declare a warning. All VEM RACES members (regional or state wide) are put on Alert status and should monitor the local net and email for additional information on activation. Members may be instructed to check into their local VEM RACES nets and be prepared for deployment to the affected areas. A level 2 situation is likely to develop into Level 3 activation where assignments will be made.

Level 3: A communications emergency exists to cover an unusual condition, event, or declared emergency and volunteer operators and radio resources have been requested. All VEM-RACES members (regional or statewide) are put upon deployed status. Within an effected area, a designated Regional Team Leader will initiate local area VEM RACES nets and provide liaison communications with VEM RACES Waterbury. Local members will be instructed to check into their local VEM RACES net, be prepared to volunteer their services, and will be given assignments. The VEM RACES Waterbury Headquarters will activate the EOC RACES station and establish statewide HF nets, VHF/UHF nets, and Winlink 2000 contacts as necessary. This level of activation may include the state or local government declaring a state of emergency where VEM RACES members may participate in operations at certain facilities.