



Sandy Post-Mortem and Emergency Preparedness

December 1, 2012

Village of Hastings-on-Hudson



Agenda

PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Village Response Postmortem
Peter Swiderski, Chief Sarfaty
- 2) Emergency Preparedness
Dennis Delborgo, Westchester County
- 3) Emergency Preparedness
Chief Russak
- 4) Insurance Considerations
Stephen Shryock

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Event Timeline

- Friday, Oct 26: First Responder meeting
- Sunday, Oct 28: First Responder prep
- Monday, Oct 29: Storm hits, Con Ed Liaison assigned
 - 70% of residences without power
 - 22 roads were blocked with fallen limbs
 - 4 homes were significantly damaged, another 8 struck
 - Kinnally Cove severely damaged
 - No injuries
- Tuesday, Oct 30: Road clearing begins, depowering crews arrive
- Wednesday, Oct 31: First repowering begins
- Saturday, Nov 10: Last homes repowered



Damage





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What worked

- Coordination among first responders was exemplary and maintained throughout crisis.
- Cooperation in support of Con Ed crews was consistent and ensured that de- and re-powering went as quickly as possible.
- Road-opening occurred within a reasonable time-frame given size of some of the trees down.
- Andrus operated effectively as a shelter.
- Vulnerable populations were checked several times.
- Communications with residents was consistent.



What didn't work

- Tremendous Con Ed communication issues
- Con Ed Crew consistency and allocation
- Outreach wasn't targeted.
- There were back-up power issues.
- Communications system relied on power.
- Warming locations were limited.



What we are looking at

- Working with Con Ed to address issues.
- Back-up generator at Community Center.
- Other back-up generators.
- Identifying vulnerable populations proactively.
- Create available rooms list and seek potential volunteers for next emergency.
- Examine community outreach protocols (e.g. radio, etc.).