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Connecticut Public Safety Interoperability Communications Executive Committee 1111 Country Club Road Middletown, CT 06457

Dear Fellow Interop Committee Members:

As many of you know, thanks to the efforts of the Connecticut State Police Amateur Radio Club (W1SP), in collaboration with the Connecticut Amateur Radio Service (CT ARES®) and with support from numerous amateur radio clubs, several individuals, and at least one municipality, a statewide network of Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) repeaters has been established in Connecticut.

The implementation of the CT-ARES DMR Network over the past eight months has added a tremendously flexible communications mode that directly supports CT ARES® activities. Our primary mission is providing backup communications for our partner agencies that include the American Red Cross (ARC) and the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (CT DEMHS). This powerful network was utilized extensively during this past winter to coordinate CT ARES® alerts and activations resulting from the very active weather pattern.

I am requesting that the CT-ARES DMR Network be recognized by this committee as a viable interoperability and backup communications asset.

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