



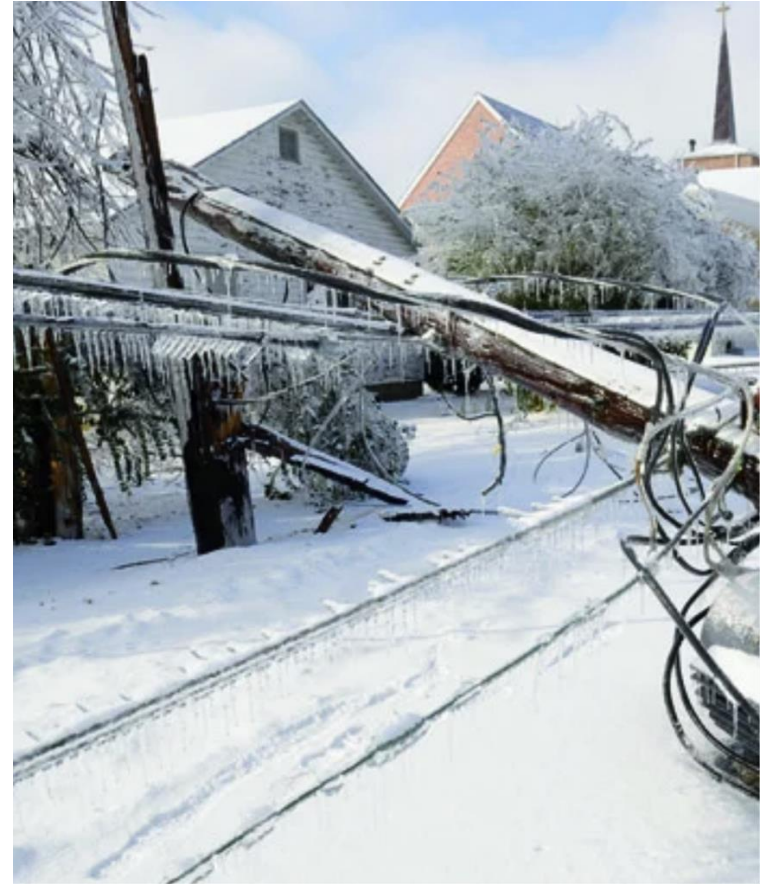
**Mount Ascutney  
Power Outage  
Scenario Discussion  
December 11th, 2023**



# Binary Blizzard

## October 2024 and 2025

- Statewide catastrophic exercise
- Tabletop in 2024, full scale in 2025
- Focused on the southern region
- Focus on COOP planning
- Sign up:  
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# Module 1: Initial Response



**Tuesday, March 16th, 2024, 2:30pm:**

- Severe winter storm coming up the coast shifts inland
- Suddenly aimed for Vermont
- Heavy, wet snow begins to fall overnight
- Little preparation has been done



# Module 1: Initial Response



**Wednesday, March 17th, 2024, 5:30am:**

- Majority of southern region is without power
- Residents were largely unwarned
- Power, landline phones, internet, and cell service all impacted
- High impacts throughout state mean there is little information on when power might be restored



# Module 1: Initial Response



## Questions:

- What are your town's essential functions?
- What are your first steps?
- What locations have power and resources? Will you need to relocate anyone?
- What do residents need?
- How will you share public information?



# Module 2: Secondary Response



**Saturday, March 20th, 2024, 9:00am:**

- Total snowfall was nearly 30” in some areas
- Power has remained out in the southern counties
- Cell service is spotty and unreliable throughout smaller towns
- Shelters consistently have 7-15 people
- Regional shelter has opened in Bennington



# Module 2: Secondary Response



## Questions:

- Have your essential function priorities changed?
- What vulnerable populations are at risk?
- How are you communicating with your team?
- How are you communicating with the public?
- Who is staffing shelters?



# Module 3: Extended Response



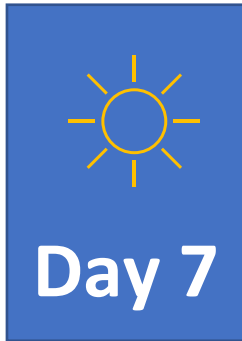
**Tuesday, March 23rd, 2024, 9:00am:**

- Power continues to be out in most towns in the southern counties
- Cell tower generators are running in central locations
- Shelters consistently have 5-10 people





# Module 3: Extended Response



## Questions:

- What state resources do you need at this point?
- How will you get them?
- How much fuel do your generators have?
- What will residents need?
- How are communications happening?
- What does recovery look like once power is restored?



# Hot Wash

What have we discovered?

- **One thing that went well**
- **One thing to improve on**
- **Anything in the parking lot to follow up on**