

Rural Training Center – Thailand (RTC-TH)

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**Community-based Environmental Education
for the Self-sufficiency and Sustainability of
Small Rural Family Farms**

A Brief Introduction to

M.E.W.S.

Mobile Emergency Weather Station



Rural Training Center-Thailand
Emergency Communications Program

Ready to serve and sustain our community

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A part of the RTC-TH EmComm Program

The Rural Training Center-
Thailand Emergency
Communications program
is a volunteer effort to
provide emergency

amateur radio communications for
local community self-sufficiency and
sustainability in times of need.



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The Rural Training Center-Thailand (RTC-TH)

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community-based
environmental education
for self-sufficiency and
sustainability of small
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MEWS adapts weather lessons from 2 existing RTC-TH programs

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The Rural Training Center-Thailand was created to honor the life and memory of Mr. Tang Suttisan, a father, farmer and former custodian of Ban Na Fa Elementary School who appreciated and valued education.



The Need



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Disasters disrupt existing infrastructures.
Damaged roads cut access, stopping
and slowing relief to stricken areas.



The Need

Transportation,
energy, food,
water, and
communications
are often in ruin
or short supply
after a disaster.



The Need

Many times there is not much left at all.



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The Need

Emergency relief workers may lack accurate on-site information especially from isolated areas





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When disaster strikes, local site specific weather data may not be available.



Helicopters are important in relief operations



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Helicopters bring in critical supplies



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Helicopters evacuate the seriously injured



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Most helicopters operate
only by Visual Flight Rules;
Pilots must see the ground

Weather Data For Relief Operations



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Weather conditions can affect locations of safe zones, survivors, water, food, shelter, and medical needs.



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Weather conditions can affect transportation, routing, and delivery of relief supplies.



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Weather conditions can affect emergency helicopter flight operations.



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Amateur Radio Operators (HAMs) have always been ready to serve their communities in times of need



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Amateur radio operators (HAMs) who are trained and equipped to make basic weather observations are valuable members for a community emergency response team.



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HAMs are equipped for EmComm (Emergency Communications)



They have a self-contained portable radio station: radio, antenna, power supply, and a trained operator.



HAMs are equipped for EmComm



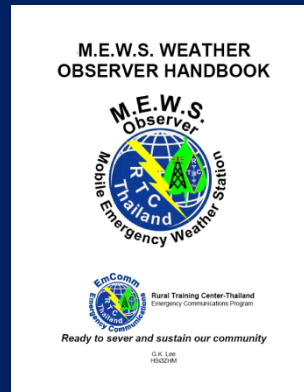
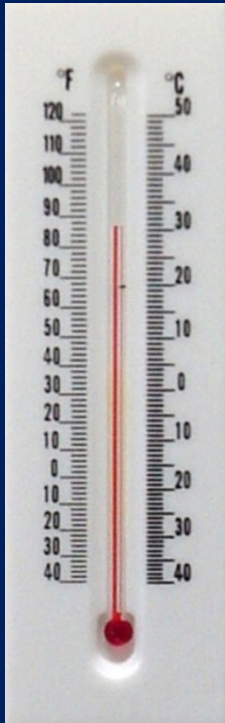
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They are prepared for extended
deployment with their own tents and
daily living supplies.



The MEWS enHAMcement

MEWS
enhances a
HAM with
basic weather
observation
training and
equipment



The MEWS Weather Observation Log

has highlighted notes to guide making observations with minimal training.

Detailed instructions are in the MEWS manual



RTC-TH M.E.W.S. Weather Observation Log										
Header		Location		Lat		Long		Elev		
		° ' " N		° ' " E				m AMSL		
Date		Weather Observations Time								
		Sunrise		Mid-Afternoon		Sunset				
Local time 24-hr format		Hour →								
Observer (initial; see back)										
1. Temperature / Relative Humidity	2.1	Air (Dry bulb)	Thermometer in shade; 1.5 m above ground		°C		°C		°C	
	2.2	Wet Bulb			°C		°C		°C	
	2.3	Difference	Subtract 2.2 from 2.1;		°C		°C		°C	
	2.4	Rel. Humidity	Use 2.1, 2.3; R H Table		%RH		%RH		%RH	
	2.5	Dew Point	Use 2.1, 2.3; Dew Pt Table		°C		°C		°C	
2. Temperature / Relative Humidity	2.6	Heat Stress	Use 2.1, 2.4; HSI Table		Heat Stress °C		Heat Stress °C		Heat Stress °C	
			Danger Level (if any from Heat Stress Index table)		□Cautn □Ex Cautn □Danger □Ex Dangr		□Cautn □Ex Cautn □Danger □Ex Dangr		□Cautn □Ex Cautn □Danger □Ex Dangr	
	2.7	Wind Chill	Use 2.1, 3.1; Wind Chi Tbl		Wind Chill. °C		Wind Chill. °C		Wind Chill. °C	
			Danger Level (if any from Wind Chill chart)		□Trvl Dngr □Frstbtle10 □TShltr Dgr □Frstbtle30 □Frostbite □Frstbtle5		□Trvl Dngr □Frstbtle10 □TShltr Dgr □Frstbtle30 □Frostbite □Frstbtle5		□Trvl Dngr □Frstbtle10 □TShltr Dgr □Frstbtle30 □Frostbite □Frstbtle5	
			Report wind speed in knots to air crews; km/h to all others.		km/h knts		km/h knts		km/h knts	
3. Wind Speed / Direction	3.1	Average	Get 3 readings & average		km/h knts		km/h knts		km/h knts	
		Gusts	Record highest gust		km/h knts		km/h knts		km/h knts	
		Steady Wind Direction	Circle direction steady wind comes FROM		N NE S SW E SE W NW		N NE S SW E SE W NW		N NE S SW E SE W NW	
		Variable Wind Direction	Circle 1 or more directions wind comes FROM		N NE S SW E SE W NW		N NE S SW E SE W NW		N NE S SW E SE W NW	
	4.1	Cloud Cover	Use Definitions in Cloud Cover Table		□ Clear □ Cloudy □ Scattered □ Overcast □ Broken		□ Clear □ Cloudy □ Scattered □ Overcast □ Broken		□ Clear □ Cloudy □ Scattered □ Overcast □ Broken	
4. Sky Conditions	4.2	Cloud Base Ht (Loc Rel)	Obtain of known elevation (above mean sea level) and report clouds above, at, or below mountain top.		□ Clouds above mtn □ Clouds at mtn top □ Clouds below mtn		□ Clouds above mtn □ Clouds at mtn top □ Clouds below mtn		□ Clouds above mtn □ Clouds at mtn top □ Clouds below mtn	
		Dew Cal (2.1-2.5)/9.8x1000m			m AGL		m AGL		m AGL	
		Cloud Type	Middle Low		□ Cirrus □ Altostrat □ Altocum □ Stratus □ Nimstrat		□ Cirrus □ Altostrat □ Altocum □ Stratus □ Nimstrat		□ Cirrus □ Altostrat □ Altocum □ Stratus □ Nimstrat	
	4.3	Cloud Type	Vertically Developed		□ CuNim □ Cumul		□ CuNim □ Cumul		□ CuNim □ Cumul	
	4.4	Rainfall	Measure at 0900 hrs each morning. Report amount for last 24 hrs.		mm		mm		mm	
4.5	Visual Range (Visibility)	Name of 3.2 km mark		□ more □ less than □ Rain □ Fog □ Haze □ Smoke		□ more □ less than □ Rain □ Fog □ Haze □ Smoke		□ more □ less than □ Rain □ Fog □ Haze □ Smoke		
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		Helicopter minimum visibility: Day = 2 km / 2 miles; Night = 5 km / 3 miles; Low visibility = No flights		□ Yes □ No		□ Yes □ No		□ Yes □ No		
		Flash, count secs to boom / 3		N NE E SE S SW W NW		N NE E SE S SW W NW		N NE E SE S SW W NW		
	4.6	Severe Weather	Lightning		km		km		km	

The MEWS Weather Observation Log

back of form
has expanded
notes for doing
observations
with minimal
training.

Detailed instructions are in
the MEWS handbook



All weather observers write their initials and clearly print their name using block letters

M.E.W.S. Summary Weather Observation Log Instructions

Header

Location: Local Place Name

Latitude, Longitude from GPS, survey records or map measurement.

Elevation: Survey records or map measurement

(GPS elevations are not reliable).

Date/Hour: Use local Thai standard time in 24-hour format.

Observer: initials in box. Full name (print clearly) on top/back of form

RTC-TH M.E.W.S. Weather Observation Log									
Location									
Lat	°	'	N	Long	°	'	E		
Lat			N	Long			E	Elev	m AMSL
Date		Weather Observations Time							
		Sunrise		Mid-Afternoon				Sunset	
Local time 24hr format		Hour →							
Observer (initials, see back)									

Temperature / Relative Humidity

2.1 Air (Dry Bulb) Temp: Read thermometer kept in the shade, 1.5 m above the ground.

2.2 Wet Bulb Temp from hygrometer kept in the shade, 1.5 m above the ground.

2.3 Difference between Dry and Wet Bulb temperatures.

2.1	Air (Dry bulb)	Thermometer in shade, 1.5 m above ground	°C	°C	°C
2.2	Wet Bulb	Substated 2.2 from 2.1	°C	°C	°C
2.3	Difference	Use 2.1, 2.3, R.H. Table	%RH	%RH	%RH
2.4	Rel. Humidity	Use 2.1, 2.3, Dew Pt Table	°C	°C	°C
2.5	Dew Point	Use 2.1, 2.4, HSB Table	Heat Stress	Heat Stress	Heat Stress
2.6	Heat Stress	Danger Level (if any from Heat Stress Index table)	Heat Stress	Heat Stress	Heat Stress
2.7	Wind Chill	Danger Level (if any from Wind Chill chart)	Wind Chill	Wind Chill	Wind Chill

2.4 Relative Humidity: Use Dry Bulb Temp (2.1), Difference (2.3) and Relative Humidity table to find % Relative Humidity.

2.5 Dew Point Temperature: Use Dry Bulb Temp (2.1), Difference (2.3) and Dew Point Temp table to find Dew Point Temp.

2.6 Heat Stress Temperature: Use Dry Bulb Temp (2.1), % Relative Humidity (2.4) and Heat Stress Index Table to find Heat Stress Temperature and relevant advisory warning.

2.7 Wind Chill: Use the Dry Bulb Temp (2.1) and Wind Speed (3.1) and Wind Chill Table to find the Wind Chill Temperature and relevant advisory warning.

Wind Speed / Direction

3.1 Average and Gust Wind speeds: Use Beaufort Table or direct measurements 3 times and average results. Gusts are short, strong blasts of wind. Report wind speeds in knots to air crews. Advise air crews when wind speeds are close to affecting helicopter flight operations.

3.2 Steady or Variably blowing winds. If steady, circle letter for direction. If variable, circle all appropriate letters for directions.

Report wind speed in knots to air crews; km/h to all others.									
3.1	Average	Use 3 readings & average	knots	knots	knots	knots	knots	knots	knots
	Gusts	Record highest gust	knots	knots	knots	knots	knots	knots	knots
3.2	Steady Wind Direction	Circle direction steady wind comes FROM	N	NE	S	SW	N	NE	S
	Variable Wind Direction	Circle 1 or more directions wind comes FROM	N	NE	S	SW	N	NE	S

Sky Conditions

4.1 Cloud cover: Look at the sky and follow the definitions for each cloud cover classification.

4.2 Cloud Base Height: If relative to a local mountain, give its name and elevation above mean sea level. Note Local Relief in meters. If using the Dew Point method, subtract Dew point temp (2.5) from Dry temp (2.1) and divide result by 9.8; multiply quotient by 1000m. Advise air crews when cloud base height (ceiling) are close to affecting helicopter flight operations.

4.3 Cloud Type: Check the appropriate box based on cloud description in the guide book

4.4 Rainfall: Measure water in rain gauge each day at 0900 hrs. Rain gauge should be in open area, away from tall objects, with top of gauge 50 cm above ground to avoid splash water from entering gauge.

4.5 Visual Range: Pick landmarks 3.2 km and 5 km from your observation site. Report when visual range is more or less than the known distances to these landmarks. Advise air crews when visual range is close to affecting helicopter flight operations. Check appropriate boxes for reasons of reduced visibility.

4.6 Severe Weather: Primary concerns and thunderstorms and lightning. Check the appropriate boxes. If lightning, watch for flash, count seconds until you hear the thunder, divide by 3 = approximate distance in km. Circle direction to storm.

4.1	Cloud Cover	Use Definitions in Cloud Cover Table	Clear	Cloudy	Clear	Cloudy	Clear	Cloudy
			Scattered	Overcast	Scattered	Overcast	Scattered	Overcast
4.2	Cloud Base Ht (Local Ref)	Use local mountain of known elevation (above mean sea level) and report clouds above, at, or below mountain top	Clouds above mtn	Clouds at mtn top	Clouds above mtn	Clouds at mtn top	Clouds above mtn	Clouds at mtn top
		Relative to local Mtn	Clouds above mtn	Clouds at mtn top	Clouds above mtn	Clouds at mtn top	Clouds above mtn	Clouds at mtn top
4.3	Cloud Type	High	Cirrus	Cumulus	Cirrus	Cumulus	Cirrus	Cumulus
		Medium	Altostratus	Altostratus	Altostratus	Altostratus	Altostratus	Altostratus
4.4	Rainfall	Measure at 0900 hrs each morning. Report amount for last 24 hrs.	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm
		Name of 3.2 km mark	more	less than	more	less than	more	less than
4.5	Visual Range (Visibility)	Name of 3.2 km mark	more	less than	more	less than	more	less than
		Reasons of reduced visibility	more	less than	more	less than	more	less than
4.6	Severe Weather	Thunderstorms	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
		Lightning	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes

Warn all crews of any severe weather to your area.

Basic Weather Observer Tasks

- Temperature
- Estimate Wind Speed
- Wind direction
- Cloud cover
- Estimate cloud height
- Visibility
- Thunder / Lightning

- Useful for planning and setting priorities according to local environmental conditions
- Give general flight weather data at the landing zone



Basic MEWS

Observations are recorded here on the Log Form

- Temperature
- Estimate Wind Speed
- Wind direction
- Cloud cover
- Estimate cloud height
- Visibility
- Thunder / Lightning

Detailed instructions are in the MEWS handbook



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Observer (initial; see back)																	
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	2.2	Wet Bulb		°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C		
	2.3	Difference	Subtract 2.2 from 2.1;	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C		
	2.4	Rel. Humidity	Use 2.1, 2.3; R H Table	%RH	%RH	%RH	%RH	%RH	%RH	%RH	%RH	%RH	%RH	%RH	%RH		
	2.5	Dew Point	Use 2.1, 2.3; Dew Pt Table	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C		
	2.6	Heat Stress	Use 2.1, 2.4; HSI Table	Heat Stress	°C	Heat Stress	°C	Heat Stress	°C	Heat Stress	°C	Heat Stress	°C	Heat Stress	°C		
	2.7	Wind Chill	Use 2.1, 3.1; Wind Chl Tbl	Wind Chill	°C	Wind Chill	°C	Wind Chill	°C	Wind Chill	°C	Wind Chill	°C	Wind Chill	°C		
3. Wind Speed / Direction	Report wind speed in knots to air crews ; km/h to all others.																
	Average	Get 3 readings & average	km/h	knts	km/h	knts	km/h	knts	km/h	knts	km/h	knts	km/h	knts			
	Gusts	Record highest gust	km/h	knts	km/h	knts	km/h	knts	km/h	knts	km/h	knts	km/h	knts			
	Wind Speed Guidelines for Helicopter Flight Operations 10 knots / 18.5 km/h ideal, OK to fly Above 45 knots / 83 km/h; No flights. Gusts above 20 knots/ 37 km/h; No flights Max tailwind 5 knots/ 6 km/hr; No take off																
3.1	Steady Wind Direction	Circle direction steady wind comes FROM	N	NE	S	SW	N	NE	S	SW	N	NE	S	SW			
	Variable Wind Direction	Circle 1 or more directions wind comes FROM	N	NE	S	SW	N	NE	S	SW	N	NE	S	SW			
4.1	Cloud Cover	Use Definitions in Cloud Cover Table	Clear	Cloudy	Clear	Cloudy	Clear	Cloudy	Clear	Cloudy	Clear	Cloudy	Clear	Cloudy			
	Cloud Base Ht (Loc Rel)	Relative to local Mtn	Clouds above mtn	Clouds above mtn	Clouds above mtn	Clouds above mtn	Clouds above mtn	Clouds above mtn	Clouds above mtn	Clouds above mtn	Clouds above mtn	Clouds above mtn	Clouds above mtn	Clouds above mtn			
4.2		m AMSL	Clouds at mtn top	Clouds at mtn top	Clouds at mtn top	Clouds at mtn top	Clouds at mtn top	Clouds at mtn top	Clouds at mtn top	Clouds at mtn top	Clouds at mtn top	Clouds at mtn top	Clouds at mtn top				
	DewCal (2.1-2.5)/9.8x1000m	m AGL	Clouds below mtn	Clouds below mtn	Clouds below mtn	Clouds below mtn	Clouds below mtn	Clouds below mtn	Clouds below mtn	Clouds below mtn	Clouds below mtn	Clouds below mtn	Clouds below mtn				
Min. flight altitudes: Day = 160m AGL; Night = 500 m AGL; Low cloud ceiling = No flights.																	
4.3	Cloud Type	Middle	Vertically Developed	CuNim	Altostrat	Altostrat	CuNim	Altostrat	Altostrat	CuNim	Altostrat	Altostrat	CuNim	Altostrat			
	Low	Stratus	Nimestrat	Cumul	Stratus	Nimestrat	Cumul	Stratus	Nimestrat	Cumul	Stratus	Nimestrat	Cumul				
4.4	Rainfall	Measure at 0900 hrs each morning. Report amount for last 24 hrs.	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm			
	Visual Range (Visibility)	Name of 3.2 km mark	more	less than	more	less than	more	less than	more	less than	more	less than	more	less than			
4.5		Name of 3.2 km mark	Rain	Fog	Rain	Fog	Rain	Fog	Rain	Fog	Rain	Fog	Rain	Fog			
		Haze	Smoke	Haze	Smoke	Haze	Smoke	Haze	Smoke	Haze	Smoke	Haze	Smoke				
4.6	Severe Weather	Thunderstorms	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No			
	Lightning	Flash, count secs to boom / 3	N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW	N	NE	E	SE			
Warn air crews of any severe weather in your area																	

Instructional notes let you make observations with minimal training



2. Temperature / Relative Humidity	2.1	Air (Dry bulb)	Thermometer in shade; 1.5 m above ground		°C
	2.2	Wet Bulb			°C
	2.3	Difference	Subtract 2.2 from 2.1;		°C
	2.4	Rel. Humidity	Use 2.1, 2.3; R H Table		%RH
	2.5	Dew Point	Use 2.1, 2.3; Dew Pt Table		°C
	2.6	Heat Stress	Use 2.1, 2.4 ; HSI Table	Heat Stress	°C
			Danger Level (if any from Heat Stress Index table)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cautn <input type="checkbox"/> Danger <input type="checkbox"/> Ex Cautn <input type="checkbox"/> Ex Dangr	
2.7	Wind Chill		Use 2.1, 3.1; Wind Chl Tbl	Wind Chill.	°C
			Danger Level (if any from Wind Chill chart)	<input type="checkbox"/> Trvl Dngr <input type="checkbox"/> Frstbte10 <input type="checkbox"/> TShltr Dgr <input type="checkbox"/> Frstite30 <input type="checkbox"/> Frostbite <input type="checkbox"/> Frstbte5	

1. Get air temp
2. Get wet bulb temp
3. Subtract #2 from #1 and record
4. Look up % RH in table using #1 and #3; and record % RH

The MEWS Weather Observation Log

has highlighted items critical for helicopter flight operations.



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		Dew Cal (2.1-2.5)/9.8x1000m						m AGL		m AGL		m AGL							
Min. flight altitudes: Day = 160m AGL; Night = 500 m AGL; Low cloud ceiling = No flights.																			
4.3	Cloud Type	Middle		Vertically Developed		<input type="checkbox"/> Cirrus <input type="checkbox"/> Altostrat <input type="checkbox"/> Altocum <input type="checkbox"/> Stratus <input type="checkbox"/> Nimstrat		<input type="checkbox"/> CuNim <input type="checkbox"/> Altostrat <input type="checkbox"/> Altocum <input type="checkbox"/> Stratus <input type="checkbox"/> Cumul <input type="checkbox"/> Nimstrat		<input type="checkbox"/> Cirrus <input type="checkbox"/> Altostrat <input type="checkbox"/> Altocum <input type="checkbox"/> Stratus <input type="checkbox"/> Cumul <input type="checkbox"/> Nimstrat		<input type="checkbox"/> Cirrus <input type="checkbox"/> Altostrat <input type="checkbox"/> Altocum <input type="checkbox"/> Stratus <input type="checkbox"/> Cumul <input type="checkbox"/> Nimstrat							
		Low																	
4.4	Reinfall	Measure at 0900 hrs each morning. Report amount for last 24 hrs.																	
4.5	Visual Range (Visibility)	Name of 3.2 km mark						<input type="checkbox"/> more <input type="checkbox"/> less than <input type="checkbox"/> Rain <input type="checkbox"/> Fog <input type="checkbox"/> Haze <input type="checkbox"/> Smoke		<input type="checkbox"/> more <input type="checkbox"/> less than <input type="checkbox"/> Rain <input type="checkbox"/> Fog <input type="checkbox"/> Haze <input type="checkbox"/> Smoke		<input type="checkbox"/> more <input type="checkbox"/> less than <input type="checkbox"/> Rain <input type="checkbox"/> Fog <input type="checkbox"/> Haze <input type="checkbox"/> Smoke							
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Helicopter minimum visibility: Day = 3.2 km / 2 miles; Night = 5 km / 3 miles; Low visibility = No flights																			
4.6	Severe Weather	Thunderstorms						<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No							
		Flash, count secs to boom / 3						<input type="checkbox"/> N NE E SE S SW W NW <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> N NE E SE S SW W NW <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> N NE E SE S SW W NW <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No							
Warn air crews of any severe weather in your area.																			

Wind Advisory Notes for Helicopters

3.	Wind Speed / Direction	3.1	Report wind speed in <i>knots</i> to air crews; km/h to all others.																	
			Average	Get 3 readings & average	km/h				knts				km/h				knts			
			Gusts	Record highest gust	km/h				knts				km/h				knts			
			Wind Speed Guidelines for Helicopter Flight Operations																	
			10 knots / 18.5 km/h ideal; OK to fly								Above 45 knots / 83 km/h; No flights.									
			Gusts above 20 knots/ 37 km/h; No flights								Max tailwind 5 knots/ 6 km/hr; No take off									
	3.2	Steady Wind Direction	Circle direction steady wind comes FROM	N	NE	S	SW	N	NE	S	SW	N	NE	S	SW					
		Variable Wind Direction	Circle 1 or more directions wind comes FROM	E	SE	W	NW	E	SE	W	NW	E	SE	W	NW					

- Operating limits are on the form for ready reference
- Color coded for **OK** or **warning**
- Operator looks at form, reads off weather data and relevant flight crew warning.



Advanced Weather Observer's kit

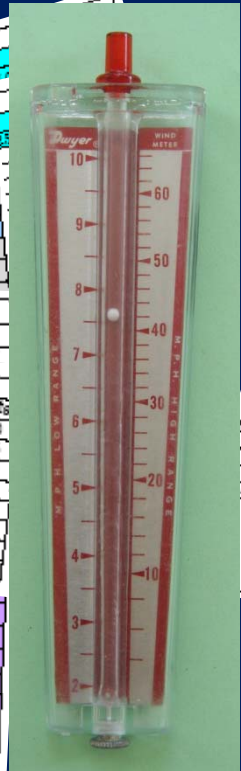
Rain Gauge



Hygrometer



Dwyer wind gauge



Calculator

Advanced Weather Observer's kit reference tables

DEW POINT TEMPERATURE CHART (°C)

Relative Humidity Chart for °C Temperatures

Heat Stress Index (Sensible Temperature)

Wind Chill

Wind Velocity Conversion Table

mph	Km/hr	Knots
1	1.61	0.869
2	3.22	1.738
3	4.83	2.607
4	6.44	3.476
5	8.05	4.345
6	9.66	5.214
7	11.27	6.083
8	12.88	6.952
9	14.49	7.821
10	16.09	8.690
15	24.14	13.03
20	32.19	17.38
25	40.23	21.72
30	48.28	26.07
35	56.33	30.41
40	64.37	34.76
45	72.42	39.10
50	80.47	43.45
55	88.51	47.79
60	96.56	52.14
65	104.60	56.48
70	112.70	60.83
75	120.70	65.17
80	128.70	69.52

Wind Chill

Wind Velor	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200
40	-1	-8	-15	-22	-29	-35	-42	-49	-56	-63	-70	-77	-84	-91	-98	-105	-112
50	-2	-9	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-79	-86	-93	-100	-107	-114
60	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-59	-66	-73	-80	-87	-94	-101	-108	-115
70	-4	-11	-18	-25	-32	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-74	-81	-88	-95	-102	-109	-116
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130	-10	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-59	-66	-73	-80	-87	-94	-101	-108	-115	-122
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160	-13	-20	-27	-34	-41	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-83	-90	-97	-104	-111	-118	-125
170	-14	-21	-28	-35	-42	-49	-56	-63	-70	-77	-84	-91	-98	-105	-112	-119	-126
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190	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-79	-86	-93	-100	-107	-114	-121	-128
200	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-59	-66	-73	-80	-87	-94	-101	-108	-115	-122	-129

Travel can be dangerous

Use heated vehicles, temporary shelters are unsuitable and dangerous.

Frostbite within 30 minutes

Frostbite within 5 minutes

Frostbite within 10 minutes

Start of the danger of frostbite and possible death.

Advanced
Reference tables

Advanced Weather Observer Tasks

All the Basic observations plus:

- Relative Humidity
- Dew Point
- Heat Stress Index
- Wind Chill Factor
- Measured wind speed
- Calculate cloud height
- Cloud type
- Rainfall

- More detailed local environmental conditions affecting survivors
- More accurate cloud ceiling which could affect flight operations
- Give specific flight weather data at the landing zone
- Gives basic weather forecasting capability



Advanced MEWS Observations are recorded here on the Log Form

- Temp calculations
- Relative Humidity
- Dew Point
- Heat Stress Index
- Wind Chill Factor
- Measured wind speed
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- Rainfall

Detailed instructions are in the MEWS handbook



M.E.W.S. Thailand Emergency Weather Station Ready to serve and sustain our community.		RTC-TH M.E.W.S. Weather Observation Log									
1. Header		Location		Lat		Long		Elev		m AMSL	
Date		Weather Observations Time									
Local time 24-hr format		Hour →		Sunrise		Mid-Afternoon		Sunset			
Observer (initial; see back)											
2.1	Air (Dry bulb)	Thermometer in shade: 1.5		°C		°C		°C		°C	
2.2	Wet Bulb	m above ground		°C		°C		°C		°C	
2.3	Difference	Subtract 2.2 from 2.1;		°C		°C		°C		°C	
2.4	Rel. Humidity	Use 2.1, 2.3; RH Table		%RH		%RH		%RH		%RH	
2.5	Dew Point	Use 2.1, 2.3; Dew Pt Table		°C		°C		°C		°C	
2.6	Heat Stress	Use 2.1, 2.4; HSI Table	Heat Stress	°C	Heat Stress	°C	Heat Stress	°C	Heat Stress	°C	
		Danger Level (if any from Heat Stress Index table)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cautn <input type="checkbox"/> Ex Cautn <input type="checkbox"/> Danger <input type="checkbox"/> Ex Danger		<input type="checkbox"/> Cautn <input type="checkbox"/> Ex Cautn <input type="checkbox"/> Danger <input type="checkbox"/> Ex Danger		<input type="checkbox"/> Cautn <input type="checkbox"/> Ex Cautn <input type="checkbox"/> Danger <input type="checkbox"/> Ex Danger		<input type="checkbox"/> Cautn <input type="checkbox"/> Ex Cautn <input type="checkbox"/> Danger <input type="checkbox"/> Ex Danger		
2.7	Wind Chill	Use 2.1, 3.1; Wind Chl Tbl	Wind Chill.	°C	Wind Chill.	°C	Wind Chill.	°C	Wind Chill.	°C	
		Danger Level (if any from Wind Chill chart)	<input type="checkbox"/> Trvl Dngr <input type="checkbox"/> TShlr Dgr <input type="checkbox"/> Frostbite	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 <input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Trvl Dngr <input type="checkbox"/> TShlr Dgr <input type="checkbox"/> Frostbite	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 <input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Trvl Dngr <input type="checkbox"/> TShlr Dgr <input type="checkbox"/> Frostbite	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 <input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Trvl Dngr <input type="checkbox"/> TShlr Dgr <input type="checkbox"/> Frostbite	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 <input type="checkbox"/> 5	
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4.1	Cloud Cover	Use Definitions in Cloud Cover Table	<input type="checkbox"/> Clear <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered <input type="checkbox"/> Broken	<input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy <input type="checkbox"/> Overcast	<input type="checkbox"/> Clear <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered <input type="checkbox"/> Broken	<input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy <input type="checkbox"/> Overcast	<input type="checkbox"/> Clear <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered <input type="checkbox"/> Broken	<input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy <input type="checkbox"/> Overcast	<input type="checkbox"/> Clear <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered <input type="checkbox"/> Broken	<input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy <input type="checkbox"/> Overcast	
4.2	Cloud Base Ht (Loc Rel)	Use local mountain of known elevation (above mean sea level) and report clouds above, at, or below mountain top.	Relative to local Mtn	<input type="checkbox"/> Clouds above mtn <input type="checkbox"/> Clouds at mtn top <input type="checkbox"/> Clouds below mtn	<input type="checkbox"/> Clouds above mtn <input type="checkbox"/> Clouds at mtn top <input type="checkbox"/> Clouds below mtn	<input type="checkbox"/> Clouds above mtn <input type="checkbox"/> Clouds at mtn top <input type="checkbox"/> Clouds below mtn	<input type="checkbox"/> Clouds above mtn <input type="checkbox"/> Clouds at mtn top <input type="checkbox"/> Clouds below mtn	<input type="checkbox"/> Clouds above mtn <input type="checkbox"/> Clouds at mtn top <input type="checkbox"/> Clouds below mtn	<input type="checkbox"/> Clouds above mtn <input type="checkbox"/> Clouds at mtn top <input type="checkbox"/> Clouds below mtn	<input type="checkbox"/> Clouds above mtn <input type="checkbox"/> Clouds at mtn top <input type="checkbox"/> Clouds below mtn	
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4.6	Severe Weather	Thunderstorms Lightning Flash, count secs to boom / 3	N NE E SE S SW W NW	N NE E SE S SW W NW	N NE E SE S SW W NW	N NE E SE S SW W NW	N NE E SE S SW W NW	N NE E SE S SW W NW	N NE E SE S SW W NW	N NE E SE S SW W NW	
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Warn air crews of any severe weather in your area											

Other Advanced Equipment

Digital
Thermometer



Digital
Hygrometer



Analog Weather
Station

Sling Psychrometer



Digital Weather
Station

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Some HAMs may already have some of these

More Advanced Equipment

Kestrel Pocket Weather Station



SkyScan
Lightning
Detector



Strike Alert Lightning
Detector

GPS



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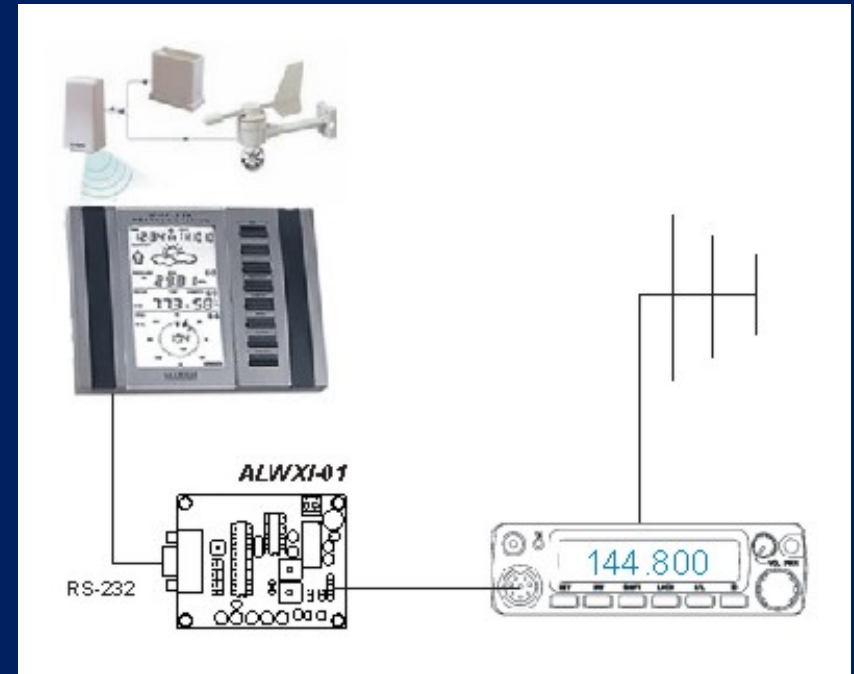
Even More Advanced Equipment

Portable Weather Station



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APRS Weather Station



This type of automated digital equipment could be added to MEWS if funds were available



What Can You Do?

If you are **not a HAM**

- Get involved
- Join a radio club
- Join RAST
- Get a license
- Get a radio

If you **are a HAM**

- Join a radio club
- Join RAST
- Learn EmComm
- Learn MEWS
- Make an
emergency plan



You can learn MEWS free by mentor or self-study



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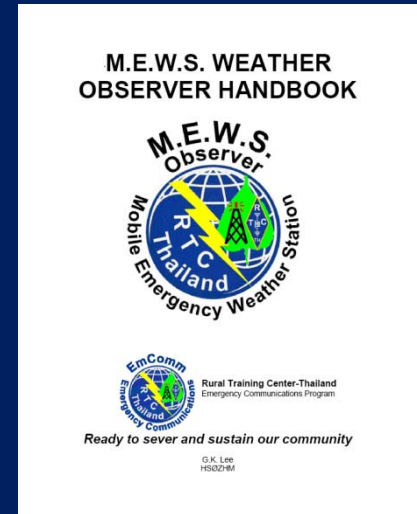
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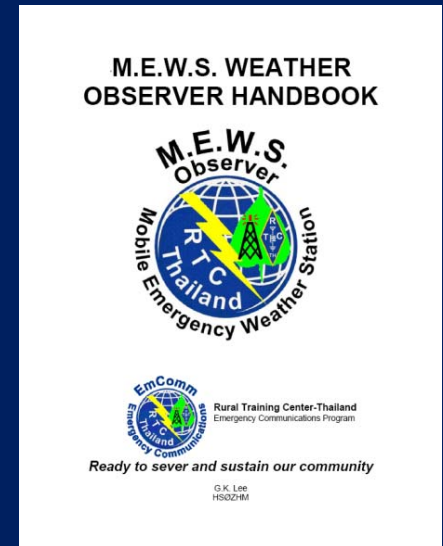


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B 2: Estimating wind speed

B 3: Measuring Wind Direction

B 4: Estimating Cloud Cover

B 5: Estimating Cloud Base Height

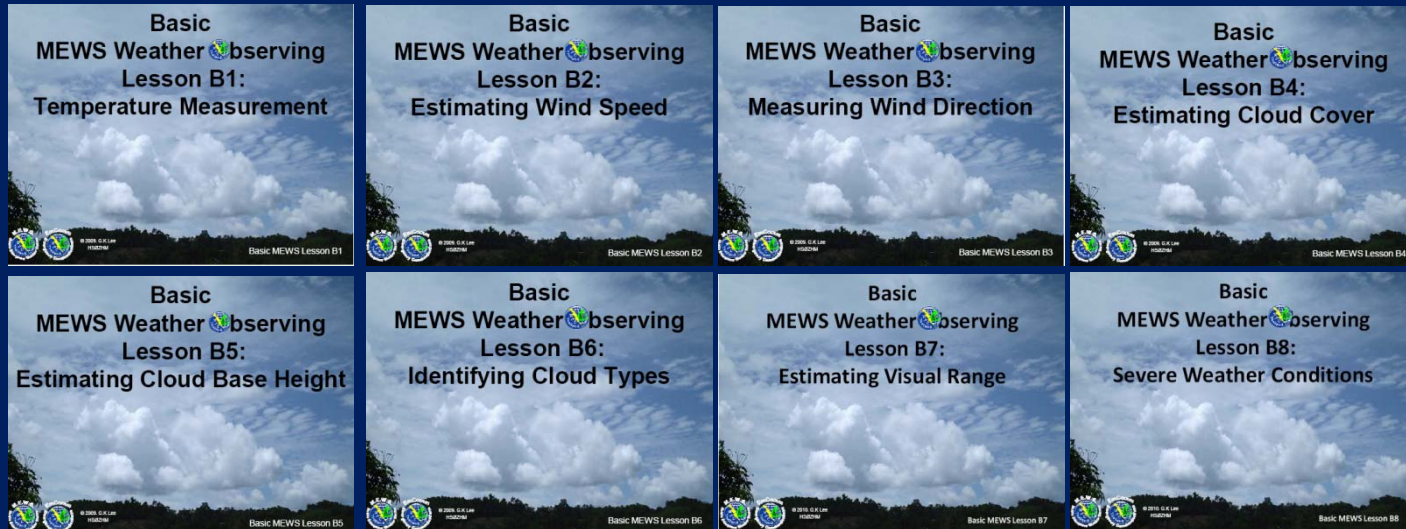
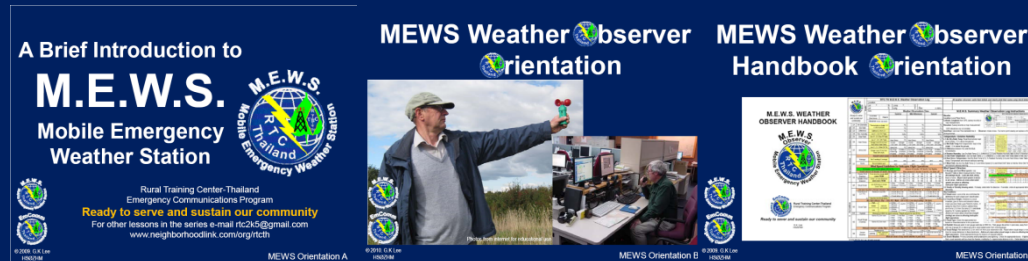
B 6: Identifying Cloud Types

B 7: Estimating Visual Range

B 8: Severe Weather Conditions



Basic MEWS PDF Lessons



3 Orientation and 8 Basic lessons.
Some show how to build your own weather
equipment.



Advanced MEWS PDF Lessons

A 1: Measuring Relative Humidity and Heat Stress

A 2: Measuring Wind Speed and Wind Chill

A 3: Using Dew Point Temperature to Calculate Cloud Base Height

A 4: Measuring Rainfall

A 5: Reporting Severe Weather

A 6: Weather Forecasting



Advanced MEWS PDF Lessons

Advanced MEWS Weather Observing Lesson A1: Measuring Relative Humidity and Heat Stress



Advanced MEWS Weather Observing Lesson A2: Measuring Wind Speed and Wind Chill



Advanced MEWS Weather Observing Lesson A3: Using Dew Point Temperature to Calculate Cloud Base Height



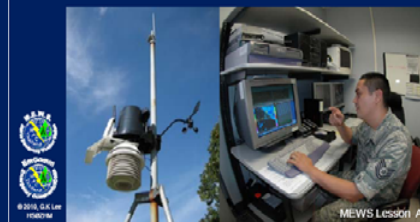
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Advanced MEWS Weather Observing Lesson A5: Reporting Severe Weather



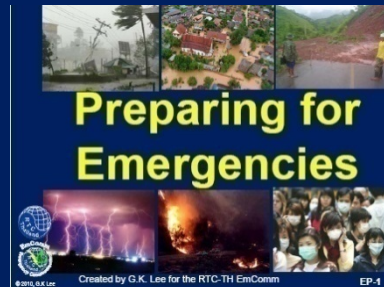
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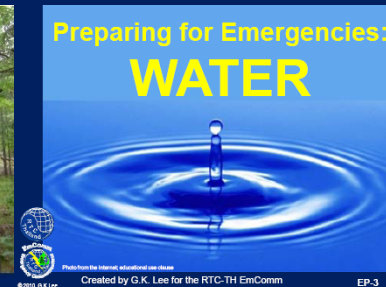
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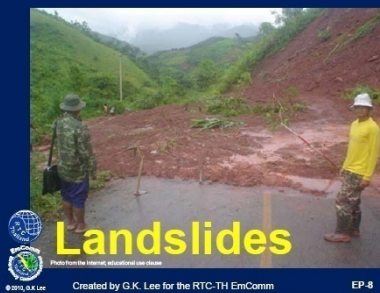
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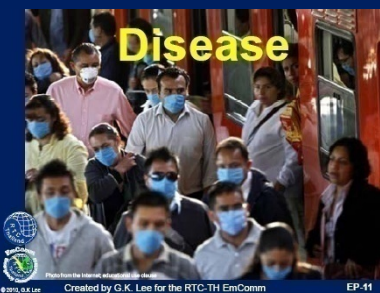
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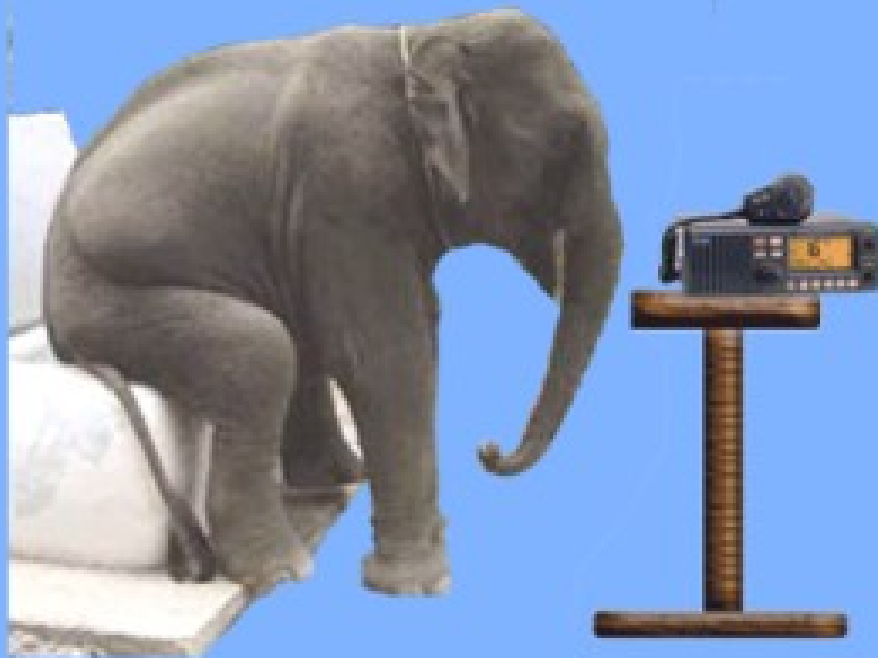


Future RTC-TH EmComm Lessons

- Identifying local Geo-Hazards
- Finding safe EmComm operating sites
- Identifying main supply routes and alternate routes
- Finding Helicopter Landing Zones
- Helicopter landing zone hand signals
- Ground to air communication without radios



I EmComm,
therefore I am.



I didn't,
therefore I am not



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The End

