



Situation Report

Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center

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SITUATION REPORT #5 ON WINTER WEATHER

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Situation - The National Weather Service has issued a Blizzard Warning until midnight on Wednesday night, December 9th. The warning includes the following counties: Taylor, Clark, Buffalo, Trempealeau, Jackson, LaCrosse, Monroe, Juneau, Adams, Vernon, Crawford, Richland, Grant, Marquette, Green Lake, Fond du Lac, Sheboygan, Sauk, Columbia, Dodge, Washington, Iowa, Dane, Jefferson, Lafayette, Green, Rock, Chippewa, Dunn, Pierce, Eau Claire, Marathon, Shawano, Wood, Portage, Waupaca, Outagamie, Brown, Kewaunee, Waushara, Winnebago, Calumet, Manitowoc, Marinette, Oconto, Menominee, and Door. The remainder of the State remains under a Winter Storm Warning. The National Weather Service advises that falling and blowing snow with strong winds will create poor visibilities that will lead to whiteout conditions. Travel is currently extremely dangerous. Travel is not recommended.

Governor's State of Emergency - Governor Doyle declared a State of Emergency for all 72 counties. The declaration calls to active duty elements of the Wisconsin National Guard and instructs all state agencies to assist in any response or recovery efforts that may be required.

Wisconsin Emergency Management - The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is now fully operational and actively monitoring the weather situation. Currently Dane, Rock, Brown and Richland Counties have partial activated their Emergency Operations Centers in response to weather conditions.

Joint Operations Center - Ten National Guard facilities are prepositioning heavy duty vehicles (w/chains). Seven of those National Guard facilities will be manned beginning at 6:00 am on Wednesday for at least two shifts. One air crew has been placed on standby also beginning at 6:00 am on Wednesday.

Department of Transportation - Plows will be out all night plowing the statewide interstate system. Plows will be pulled off statewide non-interstate highway until 3:00 am - 4:00 am tomorrow. In Columbia County- Hwy 39/90/94 is down to one lane open. In Rock County-Hwy 39/90 is down to one lane open. The blockage on Interstate Highway I-43 South of Green Bay is now open.

State Patrol - Coordinating with local governments and the State Operations Center to handle any potential road closures. State Patrol currently staffed at a high state of readiness statewide. State Patrol is discouraging all road travel.

Department of Natural Resources - 91 wardens have been placed on standby Statewide (with 4-Wheel Drive Vehicle & snowmobile capabilities). DNR is monitoring the situation via e-sponder.

Public Information - Continues to conduct media interviews.

Information and updates are posted on Emergency Management's website, <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/> and Twitter http://twitter.com/WI_EOC.

For further information, contact Wisconsin Emergency Management at 608-242-3232.