



# Situation Report

## Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center

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Situation - Ed Wall, Administrator Wisconsin Emergency Management activated the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) at 'Level 3' due to current and expected weather conditions in Wisconsin. A 'Level 3' activation means that the SEOC is operating with minimal staffing to monitor the weather situation as it unfolds. Currently, the SEOC is staffed by representatives of Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM), Department of Military Affairs, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. A site on Wisconsin E-SPONDER has been established to allow authorized persons around the state to also participate.

Weather Outlook - at 11am, the National Weather Service offices in Sullivan; Green Bay; La Crosse; and Duluth, MN conducted a weather briefing via conference call with the SEOC and county emergency managers around the state. Rusty Kapella, chief meteorologist at the Sullivan weather office stated that counties in the southeast portion of Wisconsin will remain under a Winter Weather Warning until 6am tomorrow (January 8th). Counties in the WEM East Central Region and South West Region are under a Winter Weather Advisory. Some Lake Superior snow belt counties are under a Lake Effect Snow Warning.

Mr. Kapella said that southeastern Wisconsin counties can expect between 8 inches and 10 inches of snow before the current storm ends sometime after 9pm today. Counties further north and west can expect 6 to 8 inches of snow. Counties still further north and west can expect between 5 and 6 inches of snow to fall and some counties in the Lake Superior snow belt may receive up to 10 inches of snow.

This afternoon and evening, Mr. Kapella said, winds are expected to increase to 15 to 30 miles per hour causing blowing and drifting of snow and, in some open areas, visibility may be reduced to between 1/2 to 1/4 mile. Temperatures should be in the teens in the northern part of Wisconsin and in the 20s in the southern portions of the State today falling into the single numbers overnight tonight. Some areas in northwestern Wisconsin may fall below zero overnight.

Public Affairs - The SEOC public affairs section is keeping the public informed by posting timely information and resources on the Ready Wisconsin facebook page and on the WEM Twitter site between formal situation reports.

Mr. Wall said that the SEOC will remain open at least through 8 pm today and will remain open longer if conditions warrant.