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DATE: January 31, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

TO: Governor Scott Walker

FROM: Mike Hinman, WEM Administrator

SUBJECT: Situation Report #1 on Severe Weather

Heavy snows in conjunction with strong winds are expected to cause blizzard conditions across southern Wisconsin over the next three days.

Wisconsin Emergency Management's (WEM) Duty Officer System is monitoring the storm, and WEM will elevate to Level 3 activation Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday evening. At Level 3, the State Emergency Operations Center will be open, with officials from WEM, DOT, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin National Guard and the National Weather Service monitoring the situation.

Snow:

Snow began falling today and is expected to continue to fall into Wednesday evening. The brunt of the storm will take place Tuesday evening into Wednesday morning. The heaviest snowfall is expected in the southeast corner of the state, with more than 17 inches possible in Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha counties.

Snowfall rates may reach one to three inches per hour during the heaviest period of the storm.

(NOTE: a recent snow map from the National Weather Service is included on the next page)

Winds:

Blizzard warnings are expected from 6:00 pm Tuesday until 3:00 pm Wednesday for much of southern Wisconsin (until 6:00 pm Wednesday for Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha counties). Wind gusts are expected in the 20-35 mph range throughout southern Wisconsin, with areas along Lake Michigan seeing gusts of up to 50 mph. Roads will be affected by drifting snow.

Dropping temperatures and strong winds will lead to dangerous wind chills on Wednesday night.

There has been no request for state assistance at this time.

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