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TO: Governor Scott Walker

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SUBJECT: Situation Report #6 on Severe Weather

Snow plows are back on the road this morning battling the blizzard. There are still many drivers stranded on roads across the southern third of Wisconsin. Wisconsin Emergency Management is urging everyone to stay off the roads this morning. If you must travel make sure you use extreme caution and have an emergency winter kit in your car including food and water, a blanket and a shovel. For more tips visit <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>.

I-94: Impassible between the Illinois-Wisconsin border to the Milwaukee County border. There is a multiple vehicle pile-up in the northbound lane of the Interstate just south of Highway 50 in Kenosha County.

I-43: Impassible between Beloit to Mukwonago.

The Wisconsin State Patrol along with the Wisconsin National Guard are sweeping those roads looking for any stranded motorists.

Other Roads: Columbia, Dane, Green, Grant, Iowa, Racine, Rock and Walworth Counties have requested Wisconsin National Guard or Department of Natural Resources assistance to patrol state and county roads to help rescue drivers. Dane County reported more than 100 stranded motorists. Many of those drivers were taken to local fire stations for temporary shelter. Stranded motorists are strongly urged to stay in their vehicles until help arrives. Run your engine for 10 minutes every hour to keep warm. Keep a down wind window slightly open to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

Airports: Mitchell Field in Milwaukee is now closed and will remain closed until Wednesday morning. Although still open, many flights at Dane County Regional Airport are cancelled.

Weather: The blizzard continues to move across southern Wisconsin. Even though the snow is tapering off, significant blowing and drifting snow from wind gusts to 40 to 50 mph will create dangerous conditions this morning.

Governor Scott Walker declared a State of Emergency for 29 counties prior to the storm. The State of Emergency is a precautionary measure for counties that are currently under a winter storm or blizzard warning. The counties named in the State of Emergency are Adams, Calumet, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, Kewaunee, Lafayette, Manitowoc, Marquette, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, and Winnebago Counties.

The Governor's State of Emergency called to active duty elements of the Wisconsin National Guard as deemed necessary by Brigadier General Don Dunbar to assist local authorities if needed. Approximately 75 Wisconsin National Guard Soldiers are deploying to armories across the state to assist local and state authorities with weather emergencies. The Soldiers, with tactical vehicles, reported to Plymouth, Milwaukee, Oak Creek, Kenosha, Sussex, Elkhorn, Watertown, Janesville and Platteville February 1. They will remain on site through the state of emergency or until released. The nine manned armories will be available for use as back-up emergency shelters and the Soldiers will be standing by to support local authorities with emergency operations such as door-to-door safety visits, generator assistance or stranded-motorist support.

The declaration also directs all state agencies to assist in any response or recovery efforts. Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) has been monitoring this storm system. The State of Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains at Level 3. Staff from WEM, Wisconsin National Guard, State Patrol, Department of Transportation and the Department of Natural Resources are in the EOC monitoring the storm and dispatching resources.

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