DATE: December 9, 2008
4:00 a.m.

TO: Governor Jim Doyle

FROM: Johnnie Smith
Administrator

SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON WINTER WEATHER #3

OVERVIEW – Overnight, the main area of moderate snow has been reported from Green Bay to Madison and Milwaukee. Light snowfall is also being reported in areas from LaCrosse to Wausau and Marinette Counties. In addition, a mix of rain, sleet, freezing rain, and snow will continue to occur over the southern two tiers of Wisconsin’s counties.

More heavy snowfall will start up again after 6:00 a.m. This activity will occur mostly south of a line from La Crosse to Manitowoc and down to the Illinois border. Snow should start to taper off beginning at noon from the west and should end later this evening in the southeast. Blowing and drifting snow will be likely, especially in the open, exposed areas. Colder temperatures during this timeframe will allow the snow to become drier, which will make it easier to blow around.

Here are some local snowfall reports as of 11:00 p.m. on Dec. 8, 2008:

- 9" in Pardeeville
- 6" in Portage
- 5" in Green
- 6" in Montello
- 4 to 5" in Juneau (Dodge County)
- 7" in Sheboygan
- 3" in Green Bay
- 3.5" in Appleton
- 4.1" in Plover
- 4.4" in La Crosse

WI State Patrol – The State Patrol reports it has been relatively quiet overnight as travel has been light on main interstates and highways. This morning, there was a report of a crash at mile post (MP) 144 and
a vehicle run-off at MP142 on I-39 near Madison. There have been no reports of fatalities.

Overnight, there were a few incidents including a weather-related crash near I-94 in Kenosha County and in Dane County, a snowplow truck on I-94 in was engulfed in flames. No injuries were reported.

Roads remain snow packed and icy. Motorists should be prepared for treacherous driving conditions today. To check on the latest winter road conditions, call 1-800-ROADWIS (762-3947) or view this information on the Web at www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/index.htm

State Emergency Operations Center - The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains activated to monitor the storm. Representatives from Wisconsin Emergency Management, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin National Guard, and the National Weather Service are staffing the EOC.

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