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**DATE:** December 20, 2008  
11:00 p.m.

**TO:** Governor Jim Doyle

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Administrator

**SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON WINTER WEATHER #1**

**OVERVIEW** – Winter storm warnings were issued for most of the state today, continuing throughout tonight and into the day on Sunday. Snow will continue in the northwest part of the state overnight and tomorrow. Statewide, strong west to northwest winds will cause drifting and blowing, reducing visibility. Temperatures will continue to drop throughout the night with lows in the single digits. Wind chills will reach 25 to 30 below zero.

The State of Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center activated at 9:30 p.m. this evening and will remain activated through the duration of the storm. Agencies in the EOC are Wisconsin Emergency Management, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) and Wisconsin National Guard.

Yesterday, DOT announced that the 511 Traveler Information System is up and running. 511 is a one-stop source for timely and easily accessible traffic and road condition information on Wisconsin's main highways, including the Interstate system.

Travel is discouraged, but if you must travel, exercise extreme caution and allow extra time to reach your destination. Let someone know your travel route and expected arrival time and have a working cell phone in case you become stranded. Keep a winter survival kit in your vehicle, including a flashlight, blankets, and food and water. If you choose to travel, be aware that if you become stranded it may take several hours for help to arrive.

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