



News Release

WISCONSIN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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DATE: December 12, 2010
4:15 p.m.

TO: Governor Jim Doyle

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SUBJECT: Situation Report #4 on Severe Weather

The Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center (EOC) continues to monitor the major winter storm blanketing Wisconsin. Governor Jim Doyle declared a State of Emergency for all 72 counties due to the storm. This allows active duty elements of the Wisconsin National Guard to be available to assist authorities where needed. But so far there have been no requests for National Guard or any other state assistance.

Blizzard-like conditions continue on the eastern side of the state. A Blizzard Warning is in effect until 6 p.m. for Door, Brown, Outagamie and Winnebago counties. Other parts of the state remain under a Winter Weather Advisory and a Wind Chill Advisory. A severe drop in temperatures combined with strong winds is likely to lead to icy road conditions tonight into tomorrow morning.

Road Update:

The westbound lane of I-94 near Johnson Creek is fully blocked due to a seven vehicle crash but should be open by 4:30pm. The Wisconsin State Patrol says there are injuries but are assessing the severity of the injuries. Also, Highway 14 from Highway 11 east of Janesville to the Walworth County line is closed due to drifting snow and multiple cars in the ditch. And in Manitowoc County Highway 10 from Long Lake Road to County J is impassable. Authorities urge everyone to stay off the roads Sunday unless absolutely necessary.

Snowfall:

The National Weather Service is reporting a decrease in snowfall intensities across parts of the state. Much of the snowfall is expected to taper off late this evening.

Wind and Cold:

Strong winds are expected throughout Sunday evening with winds of 20 to 35 mph. Gusts of 45 to 50 mph will occur along the Lake Michigan shoreline. Extreme cold is expected by Monday morning with windchills of -35 degrees possible.

Power Outages:

Scattered power outages are reported across the state. WPS reports 1000 homes in Kewaunee, 3100 customers in Two Rivers, 1600 customers in Wausau and 500 in Minocqua are without power. WE Energies reports 3700 customers are without power in West Bend.

For further information, contact Wisconsin Emergency Management at 608-242-3239.