



# News Release

## WISCONSIN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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**DATE:** December 12, 2010  
6:15 p.m.

**TO:** Governor Jim Doyle

**FROM:** Mike Hinman  
WEM Administrator

### **SUBJECT: Situation Report #5 on Severe Weather**

Severe weather conditions continue across Wisconsin. The Blizzard Warning has been cancelled. Much of the state is either under a Wind Chill Advisory and a Winter Weather Advisory through Monday morning. The Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will transition from minimal activation to coverage by the Duty Officer at 6:15 p.m. The Senior Duty Officer will monitor the situation and remain in contact with the Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin National Guard and other state agencies. Governor Jim Doyle declared a State of Emergency for all 72 counties due to the storm. This allows 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.

#### **Road Update:**

The Wisconsin State Patrol says a 21 year old woman from Chicago was killed in a single car crash on I-39 in Rock County. The driver lost control, went into the median and struck two trees. The victim was a passenger in the car. The driver and another passenger have non-life threatening injuries. Minor injuries have been reported in other accidents across Wisconsin including a seven vehicle pile-up on I-94 near Johnson Creek. That accident blocked the interstate for several hours. The westbound lanes re-opened at 5pm. Highway 14 from Highway 11 east of Janesville to the Walworth County line re-opened at 5pm. The highway was closed much of the day due to drifting snow and multiple cars in the ditch. In Manitowoc County, Highway 10 from Long Lake Road to County J is considered impassable. Other roads remain snow covered, drifted and slippery. Travel is still dangerous not advised across the state through Sunday night.

#### **Wind and Cold:**

Strong winds are expected throughout Sunday evening with winds of 20 to 35 mph. Extreme cold is expected Monday morning with wind chills of -35 degrees. Authorities urge everyone to limit their exposure to these extreme cold conditions. Remember, frostbite can set in after just 15 minutes in -20 degree wind chill.

#### **Power Outages:**

Scattered power outages are reported across the state including 793 homes in Kewaunee, 3600 customers in Two Rivers, 2844 in West Bend and 227 in Wausau.

For further information, contact Wisconsin Emergency Management at 608-219-4008.