DATE: February 19, 2011. 7:00 p.m.

TO: Governor Scott Walker

FROM: Mike Hinman, WEM Administrator

SUBJECT: Situation Report #2 on Severe Weather & Support for Planning Efforts

The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains elevated to Level 3 with limited state staff to support planning efforts to Capitol Police, Madison Police Department, Dane County Sheriff's Department, UW Police, Wisconsin State Patrol and many other state and local agencies in response to crowd control for this weekend's events. Earlier today, Capitol Police estimated a crowd of 50,000 outside and an additional 8,000 people inside the capitol building for protest demonstrations. There were no reports of arrests.

WEM continues to monitor the approaching winter storm that will impact most of the state. The National Weather Service (NWS) is anticipating heavy snow, rain, sleet and ice to begin after midnight and go through Monday. NWS has issued winter storm warnings for central and southern Wisconsin where 8-12 inches of snow is expected north of I-90. Southern Wisconsin could see totals ranging from 4-9 inches. In addition, rain and potential ice could also cause travel issues.

The state EOC will remain at Level 3 to monitor the storm. Motorists should check road conditions at www.511wi.gov or dial 5-1-1 before heading out as well as have an emergency safety kit in the vehicle. Additional safety information is available at http://ReadyWisconsin.wi.gov

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