DATE: February 20, 2011
11:00 a.m.

TO: Governor Scott Walker

FROM: Mike Hinman
WEM Administrator

SUBJECT: Situation Report #3 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.

WEM continues to monitor the winter storm that has begun to move across Wisconsin this morning. The National Weather Service anticipates that this will be a prolonged precipitation event with heavy snow, ice, sleet and rain through Monday. The central portion of the state is anticipated to receive the heaviest amounts of snow with 10-12 inches. Far southern Wisconsin will have mainly rain today before turning into snow overnight and into Monday. Significant ice accumulations are possible over a portion of south central and southeast Wisconsin today.

As of 11:00 a.m., several roads and highways from a line south of Lacrosse to Sheboygan are slippery as snow and rain continue to fall.

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.