DATE: February 2, 2011, 1:45 p.m.

TO: Governor Scott Walker

FROM: Mike Hinman, WEM Administrator

SUBJECT: Situation Report #8 on Severe Weather

Highways:

I-94 is still listed as impassable by the DOT, but the backup on the highway is breaking up and traffic has begun to move.

I-43 between Beloit to Mukwonago is now passable, but travel on the road is discouraged.

DNR:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources deployed 46 law enforcement officers over the course of the storm in partnership with the National Guard, Wisconsin State Patrol, county sheriffs’ departments and county emergency managers on mission assignments in 10 southeast Wisconsin counties. Wardens patrolled highways in trucks and snowmobiles locating stranded motorists and providing transport when other responders’ vehicles became incapacitated.

Airports:

All flights at Mitchell Field in Milwaukee have been cancelled until at least 5:00 p.m.

Although still open, many flights at Dane County Regional Airport are cancelled.

Weather:

All blizzard warnings in Wisconsin are now cancelled. Arctic air mass will move across Southern Wisconsin tonight with temperatures dropping into the single digits and teens below zero. Adding to this will be strong winds that will push wind chills into the 20 below to 30 below range by morning.

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**Wisconsin National Guard:**

*From 6:00 a.m. today to present:*

WI National Guard is providing mobility support to WE Energies, helping WE Energies representatives check on downed line/carbon monoxide reports in the Kenosha/Racine area.

In Rock, Kenosha and Ozaukee Counties, the Guard is identifying and providing health checks to stranded motorists/vehicles.

Nine armories are staffed by Guard personnel to provide additional support as needed. The armories can be used as shelters.

Last night, the Guard assisted 17 people in a stranded bus. They were taken to the Janesville armory and later moved to a Rock County shelter.

*From 6:00 p.m. last night to 6:00 a.m. today:*

Force packages (6 soldiers and 3 three vehicles) were located at nine armories:

**Janesville Mission:**
- 23 stranded motorists assisted;
- 17 civilians recovered from bus and sheltered at armory

**Elkhorn Mission:**
- 6 stranded motorists assisted;
- 1 deputy assisted;
- 1 civilian sheltered

**Platteville Mission:**
- 2 stranded motorists assisted

**Kenosha Mission:**
- 3 stranded motorists assisted;
- supported Raymond and Richmond fire departments

**Oak Creek Mission:**
- Supported Racine Sheriff's Department; 15 civilians assisted

**Milwaukee Mission:**
- 9 civilians assisted

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