



Situation Report

Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center

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DATE: December 20, 2012

TO: Governor Scott Walker

FROM: Greg Engle, SEOC Manager

SUBJECT: **Situation Report #5 on Severe Weather
Operation Snow Fall**

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) at 8:00 pm held an SEOC briefing to provide a statewide situational awareness update on the winter storm that is occurring. Statewide we are seeing a variety of conditions. Holy Hill near Milwaukee reported 11" at 1900 CST. Middleton reported 19" at 1600 CST and more snow has fallen since. Winds are from the NW gusting to 30-40 MPH from Eau Claire to Milwaukee. Reducing visibilities, blowing snow, 2-6 mile visibility in areas where snowfall has ended. Visibility is being reported at .5 - 1.5 miles in areas where snow is still falling, primarily Madison to Wausau and areas east to Lake Michigan.

Utility companies are reporting 30-35,000 customers without power statewide and they are having difficulties reaching certain areas to make the necessary repairs.

WisDOT - The majority of road crews were pulled off most highways at 8 pm with the exception of the interstates. Full crews will be back out in early morning.

WING - Ten winter support force packages are still on standby. Staffing has been reduced on six of the units. The reduction will not affect the capability that can deploy. Ten armories are available to be used as shelters in response to power outages.

Many state airports statewide are experiencing delays or canceled flights.

DNR - Additional wardens remain on standby until midnight.

WSP - Southeast Region - Heavy snow is falling in almost the entire region. Only Kenosha Co is reporting good winter driving conditions. Washington County remains the most active area in terms of incidents. Highway 41 and 45 are in reasonably good shape but the on and off ramps are slippery. All

counties reporting snow covered and slippery roadways along the major corridors. Increased winds have caused a substantial drifting problem. Overall traffic volumes are declining and incidents have been comparatively minor. Northeast - US 41 NB at Sales Rd north of Fond du Lac is open. Traffic is light, so both semis will be removed tonight.

Northeast Region roads are snow covered/slippery, except I-43 in Sheboygan and Manitowoc counties, which has slippery stretches.

Southwest Region - No blockage or restrictions on the system at this time.

Northwest Region - We are experiencing drifting and glazing in Jackson County on I-94. Two semi-trucks had crashed at milepost 105 eastbound with complete lane blockage, which has been cleared. There were no injuries.

North Central Region- Marathon County Sheriff called reporting the small plane may have went down. No plane could be located nor any reports of missing aircraft. We are experiencing most of our vehicle run-offs in the Wausau area on USH 51

Wisconsin Emergency Management is providing continuous information on the storm through its website and Twitter/Facebook dispatches along with the public information officer has provided information to 50 media outlets.

No further issues at this time – 8:00 pm.