



Situation Report

Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center

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DATE: December 21, 2012

TO: Governor Scott Walker

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SUBJECT: **Situation Report #6 on Severe Weather
Operation Snow Fall**

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) at 4:00 am 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. Winds are still gusting 20 to 35 MPH from Eau Claire to the Illinois state line with peak gusts of 40 to 48 mph in Monroe between midnight and 2:00 am. It does appear that the snow has moved out of the state.

Utility companies are reporting 30,000 to 34,000 customers without power statewide and they are having difficulties reaching certain areas to make the necessary repairs. The highest area of outages is in Milwaukee area, Dane County, and the southeastern region of the state.

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 and the county emergency managers were given this information. At this time, none has been used.

Many state airports statewide are experiencing delays or canceled flights.

DNR wardens are no longer on standby but are available for call outs.

The Wisconsin State Patrol reported a couple of temporary road closures due to traffic accidents. On westbound I94 in Waukesha County near Pewaukee, a crash caused the road to be closed but it is now open. A semi jackknifed on I39 near milepost 167 and its fuel tanks ruptured spilling from 50 to 75 gallons of diesel fuel.

In Rock County at about 12:30 am, an ambulance transporting a woman in labor got stuck on highway 14 and Scharine Road. A second ambulance going to assist also got stuck. A third ambulance from Janesville being escorted by a

snowplow was able to get through and make the transport. By 3:45 am, the other ambulances were removed but there were still other vehicles backed up on the highway.

WisDOT reported some road closures. In particular, in Walworth County, US 14 was closed as well as WIS 19 in Winnebago County from Oakwood road to Wall Street. The highway variable message signs are warning motorists of "high winds". Most road crews resumed full operations at 4:00 am.

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. A number of interviews are scheduled with morning news shows.

No further issues at this time – 5:00 am.