DATE: March 5, 2013  12:00 p.m.
TO: Governor Scott Walker
FROM: Brian M. Satula, WEM Administrator
SUBJECT: Situation Report #1 on Snowstorm

Overview - A major winter storm continues to bring heavy snow, strong winds, blowing and drifting snow and treacherous road conditions across much of Wisconsin. As of 11:00 a.m., the National Weather Service (NWS) reports Winter Storm Warnings remain in effect for much of western and south central Wisconsin and far southeast Wisconsin. Winter Weather Advisories are in effect for parts of the Milwaukee area. Northeastern Wisconsin is expected to receive light snow.

The State Emergency Operations Center in Madison was elevated to Level 3 this morning at 8:00 a.m. to monitor the storm and provide any requested assistance. Staff members with Wisconsin Emergency Management, WI National Guard, WI State Patrol and WI Department of Transportation are in the EOC. As of 11:00 a.m., there has been no request for state assistance.

The State Patrol reports numerous slide-offs and accidents across the state. Earlier this morning, a semi crashed into the Red Cedar River in Dunn County. The truck driver was killed.

Snow Totals: As of 11:00 a.m., the NWS reports the following snow totals:

- Centerville (Trempealeau County) – 6”
- Monticello – 4”
- Jackson County – 4”
- Rock County – 3”
- Jefferson – 2 ½”
- Walworth – 2”

Forecast – The NWS has increased the expected snowfall total for south central Wisconsin. Heavy snow will continue throughout the afternoon and early evening. Snow total estimates are 8-9” in Madison area, 8” in Racine, 7-9” in LaCrosse, 5-7” in Eau Claire and 2-4” in Milwaukee area. The advisories and warnings are expected to expire around 8:00 p.m.

Wisconsin Emergency Management remains engaged with the local officials and the National Weather Service. The State Emergency Operations Center currently remains at Level 3, monitoring events.