



Situation Report

State Emergency Operation Center

Situation Report #4 3:00 pm 2-21-2014

Weather Update –Winter Storm Watch/Warnings have been extended to 6pm in northern Wisconsin due to continuing snow and high winds. Western and southwest Wisconsin are now under a Winter Weather Advisory, also until 6pm. Blowing and drifting snow will continue with gusts from 30 to 40 mph. A Wind Advisory ends at 3pm for south-central and southeast Wisconsin. Some 24-hour snow totals include:

Superior – 18”

Brule – 16”

Glidden – 14”

Maple – 15”

Ashland – 13”

Hayward – 12”

Clear Lake (Polk Co) – 12”

River Falls – 11”

Cumberland – 11”

Eau Claire – 7”

Travel – Roads in northern and northwest Wisconsin remain snow covered. Crews used a road grader to scrape ice off of Interstate 94 Westbound near Eau Claire where semi-trucks were having difficulty getting up the hills.

Power Outages - Xcel Energy reported they had a total of 13,000 customers in northern and western Wisconsin that experienced power outages during this storm. They have made great progress in restoring service. As of noon, they had approximately 2,600 customers without power. Half are located in the Eau Claire/Menominee area. The rest are scattered throughout northwest Wisconsin. They have brought in additional crews to help restore power. Additional utility companies have reported scattered power outages as a result of today’s strong winds.

The American Birkebeiner - Race officials moved today’s Junior Birkie race from the Telemark property to Hayward. Other events are still on as scheduled.

Other issues – A roof collapsed this morning in Hayward. It was a vacant building that was being used as part of the race. No one was inside. No injuries reported. In Altoona, firefighters rescued a man pinned underneath the collapsed awning on his mobile home early Friday. He was taken to the hospital for treatment of a leg injury.

The State Emergency Operations Center has returned to level 4 with our 24 hour duty officer and senior duty officer monitoring the situation.