



Situation Report

State Emergency Operation Center

Situation Report #1 2-20-2014 7:30pm

Weather Update – A powerful winter storm continues to move through Wisconsin producing 15 to 18 inches in parts of northwest Wisconsin by Friday morning. Strong wind gusts of 35 to 45 will create near white-out conditions overnight and into Friday morning in northwestern Wisconsin. The southern half of the state will see lower snow totals of 1 to 4 inches by Friday morning but the strong winds gust up to 60 mph may enhance hazardous road conditions. There are also reports of heavy rain and hail tonight. Minor street flooding is possible. Please clear storm drains in your neighborhood to avoid flooding.

Travel – The Department of Transportation reports snow covered roads are creating hazardous travel conditions in northwestern Wisconsin. Roads are reported ice covered in central Wisconsin. The State Patrol has responded to 13 crashes and 16 runoffs in the Eau Claire area. Other minor accidents are reported across the state. Blowing snow will make driving dangerous in the northwest. Freezing water on roadways and winds will cause problems in the south. Avoid travel tonight and Friday morning if possible.

Power Outages - As of 7pm there were approximately 440 homes and businesses without power across Wisconsin. High winds overnight and Friday morning could down power lines.

Wisconsin National Guard – Ten Winter Support Force Packages consisting of approximately 140 Guard members and equipment in seven-person teams are pre-positioned across the state to assist local law enforcement agencies, performing such emergency response duties as helping stranded motorists and performing welfare checks in affected areas. They will provide 24-hour coverage in 12-hour shifts in Black River Falls, Eau Claire, Hayward, Madison, Mauston, Sparta, Spooner and Sussex.

The State Emergency Operations Center remains at level 3 with representatives from the Wisconsin Emergency Management, the Department of Transportation, State Patrol, the Department of Natural Resources and the Wisconsin National Guard monitoring the situation.