



Dannel P. Malloy, Governor

# State of Connecticut Situation Report



Department of Emergency  
Management & Homeland Security

January 7, 2011 SNOWSTORM  
Report Period: January 7, 2011 1500 HRS

**STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER ACTIVATION LEVEL:** Governor Malloy has activated the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 1300 hours.

**AGENCIES PRESENT AT SEOC AT TIME OF REPORT:** CT DEMHS, CT Department of Public Health, CT Department of Transportation, CT State Police, CT Military Department, American Red Cross, United Illuminating, CT Light & Power

## **DEMHS STATUS REPORT**

Manning the partial activation of the EOC

## **REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM STATE EOC:**

None at this time.

## **WEATHER UPDATE**

At 11:45 AM radar showed bands of moderate snow moving very slowly into Southwestern CT and another band of light snow in Eastern CT. Winter Weather Advisories remain in effect for the entire state as a rare type of winter storm is now taking shape over Southern New England. The latest computer models are only in fair agreement concerning the location and timing of the storm and towns should monitor their local media outlets for changes in the forecast during the afternoon. Also, both models are now showing that the Norlun Trough may remain in place on Saturday and allow a second round of moderate snow to occur over Southern New England Saturday night.

### **Detailed Forecast for This Afternoon and Tonight...**

**This Afternoon:** The bands of moderate snow now entering Western CT are forecast to move very slowly to the East during the afternoon, reaching the Hartford area by 4:00 PM. Additional bands of snow may develop in Central and Eastern CT during the next few hours as the trough of low pressure takes shape over our area. In general the snow occurring this afternoon should be light to moderate, however potentially heavy snow squalls are likely to occur at times especially near the coast. These nearly stationary "snow squalls" may produce snowfall rates briefly reaching 2 inches per hour this afternoon. Isolated pockets of major impact are possible in the heaviest snow bands in Western CT or Coastal CT which may only be 10 miles wide.

**This Evening and Overnight:** The snow squalls are expected to continue for several hours and then taper off from Southwest to Northeast from 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM on Saturday morning. A general accumulation of 3 – 6 inches of snow is still forecast for the entire state with bands of higher snowfall amounts up to 8 inches or more possible in a few towns.

Towns are advised that this is not a typical winter storm and actual conditions (e.g. the locations of heavy snow bands if they occur cannot be predicted in advance) during the storm are likely to change.

**Saturday and Saturday Night:** The latest computer models are indicating that another period of moderate to briefly heavy snow may occur Saturday evening into early Sunday morning. Several additional inches of snow may fall during this period and updates will be provided with the next forecast.

The Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to closely monitor this unique storm and will issue another update at 4:00 PM this afternoon.



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## **REGIONAL SITUATION REPORTS:**

### **REGION 1**

Stratford - Monitoring

Bridgeport – Partial Activation

Greenwich – Partial Activation until 2000 hours / will reassess at that time

### **REGION 2**

There are no EOCs open in Region 2 at this time.

### **Region 3**

Glastonbury EOC partially activated.

### **Region 4**

There are no EOCs open in Region 4 at this time.

### **Region 5**

There are no EOCs open in Region 5 at this time.

## **OTHER AGENCIES/PARTNERS:**

### **CT State Police:**

As of 1446 hours. 07 Jan 11.

No major storm related incidents to report at this time and all roadways are open.

Statewide accidents: 36.

Troop G in Bridgeport (desk operations) is reporting that I-95 and the Merritt Parkway are all snow covered at this time.

### **Transportation:**

Highways: Interstate and Secondary (State Owned and Maintained) –

- All state highways are presently open.
- All State plow trucks were activated including some contractors.

Airports: Bradley International, Hartford-Brainard, Danielson, Groton-New London, Waterbury-Oxford and Windham –

- Nothing to report at this time

Public Transportation:

Rails:

- Amtrak – Normal schedule
- Shore Line East – Normal schedule
- Conn Rail – Normal schedule
- Metro North – Normal schedule

Buses:

- SEAT – Normal schedule
- CT Transit – Normal schedule

Trucking:

- Motor Transport – Nothing reported

State Pier:

- New London – Nothing reported



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**Military Department/Connecticut National Guard:**

As of 1500 07 Jan 2011, the CTNG has 1 full-time rep in the SEOC. Units have been notified for possible utilization by the Governor. CTNG is currently in a monitoring posture with personnel and units available to respond as necessary

**Connecticut Light and Power:**

CL&P is monitoring the storm and is in the process of putting additional crews on call.

Current Outages:

Town Name	Estimated Customers Out	% of Total
NEW MILFORD	722	5.3
GREENWICH	174	0.62
RIDGEFIELD	63	0.59
NORTH STONINGTON	26	1.03
BRIDGEWATER	23	2.4
ROCKY HILL	16	0.16
BROOKFIELD	11	0.14
MONROE	1	0.01
Estimated Total	1,036	

**United Illuminating:**

UI Storm Center not activated at this time. At 4:30 we will keep 4 crews on property to respond to outages and or pole accidents. We will also have 2 additional Trouble Trucks - 4 in total (standard 24-hour service crews). Will ramp up staffing if needed.

**Public Health:**

CT DPH desk at SEOC is staffed and DPH stands ready to assist if requested. DPH has not received any requests for assistance. All hospitals indicating "green" with no diversions or power losses reported. Available hospital beds (aggregate) last reported to be 1386.

**American Red Cross (ARC):**

The American Red Cross's Emergency Response Plan is at the Monitoring level. Staff is available and monitoring the conditions in all five DEMHS Regions. Staff is available to support shelters should the need arise.



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