



Dannel P. Malloy, Governor

State of Connecticut Situation Report



Department of Emergency
Management & Homeland Security

February 1-3, 2011 SNOWSTORM
Report Period: February 1, 2011 1200 HRS

STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER ACTIVATION LEVEL:

Governor Malloy activated the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 0900 hours, February 1 2011.

AGENCIES PRESENT AT SEOC AT TIME OF REPORT:

CT DEMHS, CT Department of Transportation, CT Department of Public Safety, CT Military Department, CT Department of Agriculture, Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, FEMA SLO

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM STATE EOC:

None

DEMHS SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- DEMHS held a conference call with the Governor and agency commissioners @1130 to discuss storm conditions. Next conference call to be held at 1600 hours
- Additional partner agencies have been contacted to report to the SEOC at 0400 hours on 2 February 2011.
 - Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
 - Department of Information Technology (DOIT)
 - Department of Public Health (DPH)

WEATHER UPDATE:

URGENT - WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE
 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE NEW YORK NY
 1123 AM EST TUE FEB 1 2011
NORTHERN FAIRFIELD-NORTHERN NEW HAVEN-
...ICE STORM WARNING IN EFFECT UNTIL 6 PM EST WEDNESDAY...
 ...WINTER STORM WARNING IS CANCELLED...

URGENT - WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE
 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE ALBANY NY
 509 AM EST TUE FEB 1 2011
NORTHERN LITCHFIELD-SOUTHERN LITCHFIELD
...WINTER STORM WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL 6 AM EST THURSDAY...

URGENT - WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE
 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE NEW YORK NY
 1123 AM EST TUE FEB 1 2011
NORTHERN MIDDLESEX-NORTHERN NEW LONDON-SOUTHERN FAIRFIELD-
SOUTHERN NEW HAVEN-SOUTHERN MIDDLESEX-SOUTHERN NEW LONDON
...WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY IN EFFECT UNTIL 6 PM EST WEDNESDAY...
 ...WINTER STORM WARNING IS CANCELLED...

URGENT - WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE
 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TAUNTON MA
 1147 AM EST TUE FEB 1 2011
HARTFORD CT-TOLLAND CT-WINDHAM CT-NORTHWEST PROVIDENCE RI-
...WINTER STORM WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL 1 AM EST THURSDAY...

At 12:00 Noon radar and surface observations showed a large area of moderate to occasionally heavy snow and sleet falling over most of Southern New England and stretching back to Eastern PA. Temperatures currently range from the mid teens in Northern CT to the mid 20's along the coast. Snowfall currently ranges from an inch in Southeastern CT up to 5" near the NY border.

This Afternoon: Snow in northern CT with sleet and some freezing rain in Southern CT during the early afternoon. The precipitation is expected to taper off to light snow, sleet and drizzle from West to East between 1:00 - 3:00 PM with 3 - 6 inches of snow expected by the afternoon rush hour (less along the Southeast Coast). High temperatures are forecast to range from the low 20's in Northern CT to around 32 F along the immediate Southeast Coast. Some minor icing on power lines and trees is possible in Southern CT with less than ¼" of icing expected. The impact on travel is expected to be moderate for this afternoon's rush hour.

Tonight: Drizzle this evening and into the early overnight with an additional inch of snow, sleet and some freezing rain possible. Lows in the 20's. The precipitation is expected to become moderate to heavy again by 3:00 AM Wednesday morning. A minor impact on overnight travel is expected.

Wednesday: In Northern CT...Snow and sleet, changing to sleet and freezing rain by Noontime. The precipitation is expected to continue moderate to heavy at times through the day into the mid-afternoon with highs reaching the upper 20's by late afternoon. **In Southern CT...**Sleet in the morning slowly changing to freezing rain and then some plain rain along the coast by noon. The mix is forecast to continue into the mid-afternoon with highs reaching the low 30's by late afternoon. A considerable risk of roof and deck collapses is forecast during the day on Wednesday and continuing into Thursday morning as the snow, sleet and rain add more weight to roofs and decks. Considerable icing (1/4" to 1/2") may also occur, causing significant power outages.

The lighter mixed precipitation late Wednesday afternoon is expected to change back to all snow across the state Wednesday evening. A period of light to moderate snow may occur for several hours Wednesday evening and end around midnight. The outlook for both Wednesday rush hours is for a moderate impact on travel in Southern CT with mixed precipitation melting on most treated and heavily traveled highways, but sticking to the less traveled and treated secondary roads. A moderate to major impact is possible in Northern CT with heavy snow falling, mixing with sleet by noontime.

Storm total snowfall is forecast to range from 3 - 6 inches along the coast up to 14 inches in Northern CT. Approximately 1 inch of sleet and ½" - ¾" inch of total icing is also possible during the storm. Forecast confidence remains good at this time, however the rain/snow line is going to be fairly narrow (only 150 miles between all rain and all snow) across Southern New England during the storm. If the track of the storm moves 50 miles north or south then we can expect the snowfall amounts and icing to shift north or south with the storm track

DEMHS REGIONS

Region 1

EOCs Activated: Bridgeport

Region 2

New Britain Emergency Management has submitted Emergency CERT Request for February 1 through February 2, beginning at 0500 this morning and terminating at 2000 hours on 02/02/11. CERT Team to aid with Emergency Transportation as needed. This involves providing 4-wheel drive transportation for hospital and healthcare workers during winter storms. Request approved by CTDEMHS.

Region 3

EOCs Activated: Manchester - partial
Hartford - partial
Southington - partial

- Route 44 has been reopened as of 1100 hours. (Both sides of Route 44 were closed from West Hartford to Avon after a car hit a pedestrian at the top of Avon Mountain, police said. Injuries were reported, but they do not appear to be life-threatening, police said.)

Region 4

Nothing significant to report

Region 5

Incidents:

Ridgefield

- Power outage 66 people affected, underground cable issue, estimated time of restoration 2000hrs - 2200hrs tonight. Warming center opened at 195 Danbury Rd. Park and Rec. Building
- Water Main Break Grove St/Sunset 50 businesses affected possibly 2 condo units unknown time for restoration

OTHER AGENCIES/PARTNERS:

Department of Public Safety

Several spin outs, disabled motorists and accidents reported

Tuesday 02/01/11 0500 hours – 1100 hours

Calls for Service: **412**

Accidents: **40**

Accidents with Injuries: **02**

Fatalities: **0**

DUI- **00**

Motorist Assists: **84**

Non-Reportable: **329**

CT Department of Transportation

Total State Trucks 632

Total Contractors 173

Total Trucks 805

Rails

Operated regular weekday schedule on New Haven Line and Shore Line East. Both services had scattered delays of 10-15 minutes. Overcrowding was experienced on New Haven Line trains due to equipment shortages. Regular midday service is running on or close to schedule on both services. Regular PM peak service will be operated on both the New Haven Line and Shore Line East this afternoon and evening. Equipment shortages on the New Haven Line will result in overcrowding and 10-15 minutes delays.

Buses

Buses running normal schedules with some minor delays and normal snow detours.

Bradley

BDL remains open, w/full crews in and operating.

We have extensive cancellations of both arrivals and departures for the balance of the day and evening and expect more to come as the storm continues and changes to sleet and freezing rain.

Military Department/Connecticut National Guard

The Connecticut National Guard/Military Department has one (1) representative in the SEOC. The CTNG Joint Operations Center (JOC) is not currently activated. 492 CTNG/Military Department full-time Federal and State employees have reported to work. We are planning for possible mission assignments. Units have been notified of possible utilization by the Governor

Commission on Fire Prevention and Control

Nothing significant to report

CT Department of Agriculture

Nothing significant to report

Connecticut Light and Power (CL&P)

- CL&P EOC Status: Closed
- CL&P will Partially Activate it's EOC at 1800 today.
- CL&P will provide a liaison in the State EOC starting at midnight tonight.
- At present there are approximately 76 customers without power and 7 trouble spots.
- CL&P will be staffed at normal levels throughout the day and will continue to respond to isolated customer outage events as necessary across our service territory.
- CL&P is placing additional resources on-call overnight to ensure appropriate response to potential outages and emergencies.
- Overall, CL&P has approximately 175 crews available to deploy throughout the event. Work schedules will be adjusted to ensure overlapping coverage.
- In addition to CL&P crews, preliminary arrangements are under way to secure crews from our contractors, our operating companies in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and our mutual aid contacts.

United Illuminating (UI)

- 2 Crews on both sides of the town standing by
- 4 Trouble trucks all night standing by
- All crews will report at 0500 HRS
- Call center will stay open till 1900 HRS
- Will send a representative to the State EOC at 0400

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