



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 1800 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:

- At 1302 hrs, DEMHS formally requested an Incident Management Assistance Team from DHS/FEMA Region 1.
- DEMHS held a conference call with the Governor and agency commissioners 1600 hours to discuss storm conditions. Next call 2 February 2011 @ 0430 hrs.
- 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)
 - American Red Cross
 - United Illuminating
 - CL&P will report to SEOC tonight @2359 hours.
- DEMHS Press Release:

**DEMHS Issues Winter Storm Safety Tips for
Gas & Propane Lines, Heating Oil Deliveries**
*Residents, Businesses Urged to Clear and Mark Locations of
Propane Tanks, Gas Meters and Lines, Oil Delivery Points*

The numerous, severe winter storms that have battered Connecticut – including the double-barreled storm arriving Tuesday and Wednesday – pose particular challenges and risks for homeowners and businesses that rely on natural gas, propane and heating oil, the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) cautioned today. The National Weather Service has stated that a deep snowpack remains across much of the tri-state area, and Connecticut has some of the deepest snow in the region. The current, two-day storm is expected to bring as much as a foot of additional snow to the northern portion of the state. “With this much snow on the ground it’s extremely difficult for oil trucks to make deliveries, even to homes where they are familiar with the location of fill pipes,” said DEMHS Commissioner Peter J. Boynton. “In addition, there is a significant risk that snow plows – especially plows working on driveways – may clip gas meters, gas lines or propane tanks that are not clearly marked. “Governor Malloy has asked our Department to encourage everyone to take some important, common-sense steps to protect themselves,” Commissioner Boynton said. “Winter weather will be with us for several weeks to come, so Connecticut residents are urged to bear these cautions in mind.”

For gas meters and gas lines:

- Mark the meter clearly with a stake or flag
- Keep the meter area and a path to the meter free of snow and debris
- Do not use a plow, snow blower or shovel near the meter
- Snow can be removed from the meter with a broom
- Do not attempt to remove ice from the meter
- Mark gas lines with stakes or flags

For propane tanks and lines:

- Mark the tank area clearly with a stake or flags
- Keep the tank area and a path to the tank free of snow and debris
- Use a broom to clear snow and ice from the tank, regulator, regulator vents, piping and valves

- Mark gas lines with stakes or flags
For heating oil deliveries:
- Mark the fill pipe clearly with a stake or flag
- Ensure the fill pipe is clear of snow and ice and accessible from the street
- Make sure that the exhaust system for the oil burner is clear of snow and ice

WEATHER UPDATE:

URGENT - WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE...CORRECTED
 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE NEW YORK NY
 431 PM EST TUE FEB 1 2011

**NORTHERN FAIRFIELD-NORTHERN NEW HAVEN-
 ICE STORM WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL 6 PM EST WEDNESDAY...**

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN UPTON HAS ISSUED A FREEZING RAIN ADVISORY for all of Connecticut. WHICH IS IN EFFECT UNTIL NOON EST WEDNESDAY. HAZARDS...FREEZING RAIN AND SLEET. ACCUMULATIONS...BETWEEN 1/10 AND 1/4 INCH OF ICE ACCUMULATION IS EXPECTED BY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. TIMING...FREEZING RAIN AND SLEET WILL OVERSPREAD THE REGION AFTER MIDNIGHT. FREEZING RAIN WILL CONTINUE THROUGH LATE WEDNESDAY MORNING BEFORE CHANGING TO PLAIN RAIN BY EARLY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. THERE IS STILL SOME UNCERTAINTY ON THE EXACT TIMING OF CHANGEOVER WEDNESDAY...WHICH WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON ICING AMOUNTS. IMPACTS...TRAVEL WILL BE IMPACTED THROUGH WEDNESDAY MORNING. ICE ACCUMULATIONS WILL MAKE FOR DANGEROUS TRAVEL DURING THE WEDNESDAY MORNING COMMUTE. ICE ACCUMULATIONS COULD KNOCK DOWN SOME TREE LIMBS AND POWER LINES.

DEMHS REGIONS

Region 1

- EOCs Activated: Bridgeport – Level 1 Snow Emergency Declared at 1756
- Region 1 Conference Call held with Region 1 Office, Local municipalities, utility companies, and Region 1 ESF Leads. Purpose of call was to provide situational awareness across all municipalities and Region 1 stakeholders.

Region 2

- Nothing significant to report, New Haven EOC continues to remain fully activated

Region 3

- Partial building collapse – Home depot in Southington
- 1345 hrs: Structure collapse in Enfield. Commercial building checking for entrapment. Enfield is requesting additional manpower. Partial roof collapse - 80' x 40' of warehouse roof at 100 Phoenix Avenue - Brooks Brothers. No injuries, building evacuated and all employees accounted for. Emphasis by facility staff now to restore heat and power to rest of building not affected by the collapsed.
- 1335 hrs: From CT DPH - Woodlake of Tolland Nursing Home has done a horizontal evacuation of 51 residents subsequent to identifying cracks in the walls below a flat roof. We have been in contact with the facility and have directed that they call the local building inspector. They are on the roof removing the snow load. Allen Beebe will visit and assess the situation. A structural engineer is in route to ascertain the integrity of the roof. 1500 hrs: The engineer has assessed the situation and determined that the wing is safe for re-entry. The cracks were a result of the facility clearing the snow away from the air handlers yesterday and compressing/concentrating the snow in one area.
- 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.
- EOCs Activated:
 - Glastonbury - partial
 - 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

- Norwich EOC – open @1528
- Colchester EOC activated and utilizing CERT team members for support staff as approved by Director Hackett. Nothing significant to report at this time.
- Windham Barn Collapse – 15 horses rescued.
- UCONN – Storrs – Frietas Skating rink closed as a precautionary measure for snow accumulation on roof and cancelled scheduled events pending further investigation/mitigation.

Region 5

Newtown

- 1400 hrs: building collapse. BlueLinks commercial Lumber distribution Co. total collapse of a 20'x60' building, no injuries, power to building turned off.

Ridgefield

- Power restored in Ridgefield
- Waterbury- all city offices closed on Wednesday till at least 11am
- 1145 hrs: Power outage 66 people affected, underground cable issue, As of 1430 hours, 25 customers restored with remainder to be restored after 1600 hours. Warming center opened at 195 Danbury Rd. Park and Rec. Building. Expected to remain open until at least 2200 hours
- 1145 hrs: 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 1430 hours - 1730 hours

Calls for Service: **664**
 Accidents: **92**
 Accidents with Injuries: **1**
 Fatalities: **0**
 DUI- **0**
 Motorist Assists: **132**
 Non-Reportable: **528**

CT Department of Transportation

TOTAL STATE TRUCKS 632 TRUCKS

TOTAL CONTRACTOR 164 TRUCKS

TOTAL TRUCKS 796

Bus Service

Tuesday Evening

A normal weekday bus schedule will be run through the remainder of the evening.
 The bus system continues to run with minor delays and some snow detours in New Haven and Hartford.
 Customers should stay in touch with their local operator or check the cttransit.com website for service updates.

Wednesday Morning

On Wednesday, CTTransit will delay the start of bus service until 5am in the greater Hartford area.
 Customers should stay in touch with their local operator or check the cttransit.com website for service updates.

INCIDENTS

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| Description: | Tractor Trailer Accident (Tractor Trailer Vs 1 Veh) on I-84 Westbound between Exits 67 and 66. The 2 left lanes are closed. Reported Tuesday, February 1 at 5:03 pm. |
| Estimated Duration: | 1 hour or less |

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| Incident: | Motor Vehicle Accident - MILFORD |
| Description: | Motor Vehicle Accident (1 Vehicle) on I-95 Northbound between Exits 36 and 37. The right lane is closed. Reported Tuesday, February 1 at 5:17 pm. |
| Estimated Duration: | 1 hour or less |

Military Department/Connecticut National Guard

Nothing Significant to Report

Commission on Fire Prevention and Control

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CT Department of Agriculture

- 1424 - Report of a horse barn collapse in North Windham - Horses were trapped in the structure - Rescue underway. Update: All horses were saved.

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 42 customers without power and 3 trouble spots.

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

American Red Cross

The State ARC response plan is on the Alert phase based on the forecast for a major winter storm on Wednesday.

Next report at 2100, 1 Feb 11

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