



Dannel P. Malloy, Governor

State of Connecticut Situation Report



Department of Emergency
Management & Homeland Security

February 1-3, 2011 SNOWSTORM
Report Period: February 2, 2011 0700 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, CL&P, American Red Cross, Department of Information Technology, United Illuminating

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM STATE EOC:

None

DEMHS SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

At 0619 hrs, the FEMA Incident Management Assistance Team from DHS/FEMA Region 1 arrived at the State EOC.

Governor Malloy has directed the delayed arrival of all non-essential state employees until 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2011. This action is taken due to hazardous driving conditions during the morning hours. It is the Governor's sincere hope that all employees will exercise extreme caution while driving.

WEATHER UPDATE:

SNOW, SLEET AND FREEZING RAIN CONTINUE ACROSS THE STATE...

ICE STORM WARNINGS REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR ALL OF SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT...

SOME ROOF COLLAPSES LIKELY AS ICE ADDS WEIGHT TO EXISTING SNOW LOAD...

At 6:45 AM radar and surface observations showed a large area of moderate to occasionally heavy freezing rain and sleet across most of Central and Southern CT. Moderate to heavy snow and sleet are still occurring in parts of Northern CT. Temperatures currently range from upper teens in Northern and Central CT to the upper 20's along the Coast.

This Morning: In Northern CT...Moderate to heavy snow and sleet changing to sleet and freezing rain by 7:00 AM in most areas. Several inches of snow and sleet are possible before the changeover. The precipitation is expected to taper off to light freezing rain between 9:00 – 11:00 AM with total snow/sleet accumulations of 4 – 6 inches along the Mass border and 2 – 3 inches in the Hartford Area. Icing is expected to continue for the rest of the morning into mid-afternoon with around 1/4" of ice accretion expected North of I-84. Driving will be hazardous with snow/sleet cover on roads and some glazing of any untreated or plowed roads.

In Southern CT...Moderate to heavy freezing rain mixed with sleet for the next few hours. The precipitation should change to plain rain at the immediate coast by 8:00 AM, however temperatures are very cold (upper teens) just 10 miles from the coast and a changeover to rain is not expected inland. The heaviest icing is expected to occur between now and 2:00 PM this afternoon. The location for the heaviest icing is expected to be located between I-95 and I-84 in Southwestern CT and in the Middletown and Norwich areas in Central and Eastern CT. In these vulnerable areas up to ½ - 1" of icing is possible. A very large number of power outages and extensive tree damage is also possible. Driving will be very slick with slush cover on roads and some glazing of any untreated or plowed roads.

With nearly 1 inch of liquid equivalent expected in the precipitation this morning and early this afternoon, a considerable risk of roof and deck collapses exists during the day today. The risk will continue into tonight as winds increase to 25 – 30 MPH.

Storm total snowfall is forecast to range from 2 - 4 inches along the coast up to 10 inches in Northern CT. Approximately 1 inch of sleet and ½" - 1" inch of total icing is also possible during the storm.

DEMHS REGIONS

Region 1

Nothing to report at this time.

EOCs Open

Stamford

Region 2

Nothing to report at this time

EOCs Open

Durham

New Haven

Region 3

Several large employers in Hartford are having a delayed opening. The City of Hartford employees will not be reported to work until noon.

EOCs Open

Ellington

Glastonbury

Manchester

Middletown

Region 4

Nothing reported at this time

EOCs Open

Montville

Norwich

Region 5

Nothing reported at this time

EOCs Open

None

OTHER AGENCIES/PARTNERS:

Department of Public Safety

Connecticut State Police Statewide Activity:

Tuesday, 02/01/2011; 0500 hours to Wednesday, 02/02/2011; 0630 hours

Calls for Service: 1694

Accidents: 145

Accidents with Injuries: 5

Fatalities: 0

DUI- 0

Motorist Assists: 279

Non-reportable: 1392

All Troops contacted: No significant incidents/closures to report.

Major Highway Corridors: No closures

Secondary State Roadways: No closures

Weather Related Activity: None

Significant Active Incidents: None

Department of Transportation

TOTAL STATE TRUCKS 632 TRUCKS

TOTAL CONTRACTOR 158 TRUCKS

TOTAL TRUCKS 790

NOTES:

New York has a tandem trailer truck restriction in effect for I-84 and I-684. A Connecticut will have a tandem (double box) tractor trailer restriction from midnight on 2/2/2011 until 1600 on 2/2/2011.

INCIDENTS:

No incidents to report at this time.

Bus:

The following are exceptions from normal for bus systems throughout the state.

HART (Danbury Area) - Service suspended until at least 7:00am

Norwalk WHEELS Bus Service - Service suspended until at least 7:30am.

CTTransit Stamford ADA Paratransit Service Only - suspended until at least 7:30am.

Southeast Area Transit (Norwich-New London Area) - Service suspended until at least 10:00am.

All other bus systems are trying to provide a normal level of morning service. Expect delays and some normal snow detours. Stay in touch with your local operator, check their website, or check cttransit.com.

Rail:

A regular weekday schedule will be operated on the New Haven Line and Shore Line East today, Wednesday February 2, 2011. On the Waterbury Branch, the 5:57am from Waterbury will operate. Waterbury Branch service then will be suspended until buses are available to provide substitute service. Equipment shortages on the New Haven Line will result overcrowding and 10-15 minute delays.

Military Department/Connecticut National Guard

CTNG/Military Department currently has one representative in the SEOC. The CTNG Joint Operations Center (JOC) is currently in a Monitoring Posture. Possible mission sets have been identified and staffed. Selected units have been notified of possible utilization by the Governor and are awaiting instructions. They will also begin manning Armories and sending strength reports at 0500 on Wednesday. No additional information at this time.

Connecticut Department of Information Technology

No significant events reported. Normal staffing levels at the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) State Data Center with essential personnel. In addition, key employees are working remotely.

Commission on Fire Prevention and Control

Continued in a monitoring mode. No significant events reported. No requests for assistance have been received.

CT Department of Agriculture

No significant problems.

CT Department of Environmental Protection

No significant problems.

Connecticut Light and Power (CL&P)

Currently there are 5 customers without power with 2 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. 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, arrangements have been made to secure crews from our contractors, and our operating companies in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Connecticut Department of Public Health

Woodlake at Tolland evacuated 51 residents due to cracks in walls below a flat roof. DPH directed Woodlake to contact the local building inspector. After removing snow from the roof and additional inspections by a structural engineer and a DPH Building, Fire, and Safety Inspector, Woodlake permitted to bring residents back in to the building. DPH sent a Facilities staff member and a FACILITY LICENSE & INVESTIGATIONS SECTION (FLIS) staff member to observe activities. Operations satisfactory. At present, the situation is stable and requires no further action (incident occurred 2/1/2011).

Hospitals with EOC activation:

Charlotte Hungerford

Hospital of St. Raphael

Norwalk

VA – (Feb. 2 - 6am) - All care sites on a 90-minute delay. Patients should call ahead for clinic appointments.

No requests from hospitals, nursing homes, or long term care facilities

United Illuminating (UI)

The UI Storm Operations Center is fully staffed. All line crews are at work and prepared to make restorations. Total UI Outages Reported as of 0630 hours 2/2/11 = 1 outage in Hamden.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross continues to monitor the winter storm and has reached out to local EMDs. There have been no requests for Red Cross services.

Next report at 1000, 2 Feb 11

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