



Dannel P. Malloy, Governor

State of Connecticut Situation Report



Department of Emergency
Management & Homeland Security

Situation Report

January 26-27, 2011 SNOWSTORM
Report Period: January 27, 2011 1300HRS

STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER ACTIVATION LEVEL:

Governor Malloy activated the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 1600 hours, January 26, 2011.

AGENCIES PRESENT AT SEOC AT TIME OF REPORT:

CT DEMHS, CT Department of Transportation, CT Department of Public Safety, CT Military Department, Commission on Fire Prevention and Control.

Department of Environmental Protection released from State EOC at 1200hrs

DEMHS STATUS REPORT:

Governor Malloy Holds Press Availability at Noon

(HARTFORD, CT) --- As the latest winter storm to hit Connecticut wraps up, Governor Dannel P. Malloy will hold availability at the Emergency Operations Center at the State Armory at noon. Governor Malloy began his day with a 4:30 a.m. conference call with key commissioners to discuss road and weather conditions, and to make a determination about the status of the state employee workforce today. Following the call, Governor Malloy went to the EOC where he held a briefing at 6 a.m. and followed up with calls to local television and radio stations throughout the morning.

WHO: Governor Dannel P. Malloy

WHAT: Governor Malloy will hold an availability to discuss the latest winter storm

WHERE: Emergency Operations Center, State Armory

WHEN: Thursday, January 27, 2011; 12 noon

Pursuant to his authority under Sections 3-1 and 3-6a of the Connecticut General Statutes and due to the emergency situation arising from extreme nature of the snow storm currently affecting the state, Governor Malloy banned trucks from limited-access highways in Connecticut until 10 a.m.

Governor Malloy has directed the delayed arrival of all non-essential state employees until 12 noon on Thursday, January 27, 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.

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM STATE EOC:

None

WEATHER UPDATE:

Forecast for 27 JAN 11

This Afternoon: Partly sunny and relatively mild with highs in the low 30's. Some melting of the snow is expected. Any melt water on the roadways will likely re-freeze this evening as temperatures drop into the 20's. The impact on the afternoon rush hour is expected to be minor to moderate with narrow driving lanes and high snow banks obscuring visibility.

Tonight: Some black ice and also a lot of frozen slush can be expected overnight and may have a minor impact on the morning commute. Snow-narrowed roadways will also continue to cause traffic delays as the cleanup continues.

Local EOC's open

Hartford
Bridgeport
New Haven
Glastonbury
Chester
Hospital of Saint Raphael

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS / IMPACTS:

0800hrs Conference call with Governor Malloy, DEMHS, DOT, Military and the cities of Hartford, New Haven, Stamford, Norwalk, Waterbury and Bridgeport:

- CT Transit service will resume in HARTFORD and NEW HAVEN at 1100
- CT Transit service will resume in STAMFORD immediately
- Greater Bridgeport Transit service will resume in BRIDGEPORT at 0900
- CT Transit service will resume in NORWALK immediately; Norwalk Transit service resumption is pending
- Waterbury Transit service will resume in WATERBURY at 0900 (buses will leave pulse points at 0830)

DEMHS Regional Activity

Region 1

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS / IMPACTS: Barn roof collapse without injury reported in Norwalk (SITREP R1-05). Roads being cleared with no reports of significant travel impacts at this time.

EOC status changes since last SITREP: No Reported Changes in EOC status – Bridgeport remains at Partial Activation

OTHER: Nothing to report

REQUESTS FOR STATE ASSISTANCE: No requested through this office

Region 2

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS / IMPACTS: Major Highways and local roads are being cleared, with emphasis on major arteries and main town roads. All schools are closed for the day and most municipal agencies and Town Halls have opened at noon.

EOC status changes since last SITREP:

1. City of New Haven's EOC remains fully activated as of 0700 this morning.
2. No other Local EOCs have been reported open within Region 2. All municipalities are continuing to monitor improved weather conditions from remote locations. If winds create issues with power, several have indicated possible openings, but none as of 1200.

OTHER: The Region 2 Office remains open and manned by the Regional Coordinator.

REQUESTS FOR STATE ASSISTANCE: None as of 1200.

Wallingford

Since 3am this morning the fire department has responded to 3 calls for building instability. Two commercial buildings have had wood roofs fail with heavy damage. On preschool has sagging of a steel bar joist roof. All three building have been evacuated and utilities disconnected. Wallingford Building department is following up.

Region 3

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS / IMPACTS: Hartford has declared Local State of Emergency secondary to the amount of snow from this storm, and in the interest of health and safety of the public. Town of East Hampton plows unable to clear snow back from town roads. A request was been submitted to the EOC for State assistance - two (2) high output plows. CTDOT not available at time of original request. Need and availability will be re-evaluated during the afternoon hours.

EOC status changes since last SITREP: No changes reported to this office since last SITREP

OTHER: Region 1 Coordinator continues to cover Region 3 area.

REQUESTS FOR STATE ASSISTANCE: No new requests for State assistance from Region 3.

Region 4

No change from last SITREP, EMDs are monitoring, no state assistance has been requested. Two commercial roof collapses in Colchester and Columbia.

Region 5

Significant events: nothing to report at this time

EOC's none reported to be open

State Assistance requests: none

OTHER AGENCIES/PARTNERS:

Connecticut State Police

Wednesday 01/27/11 1115 hours - 1230 hours

Calls for Service: **45**

Accidents: **2**

Accidents with Injuries: **0**

Fatalities: **0**

DUI- **0**

Motorist Assists: 05

Non-Reportable: 33

Troops Contacted:

Several spin outs, disabled motorists and accidents reported

Major Highway Corridors:

The clean up begins. All major highways open

Secondary State Roadways:

No major issues

Weather Related Activity:

Several spin outs, disabled motorists and accidents reported

Significant Active Incidents:

Running Event Totals:

Wednesday 01/26/11 – 01/27/11 1000 hours – 1230 hours

Calls for Service: **1992**

Accidents: **182**

Accidents with Injuries: **07**

Fatalities: **0**

DUI- **05**

Motorist Assists: **466**

Non-Reportable: **1615**

CT Department of Transportation

District 1 - .

Section 11

87 TRUCKS 100% 43 CONTRACTORS

Section 13

81 TRUCKS 100% 38 CONTRACTORS

District 2 - .

Section 21

74 TRUCKS 100% 20 CONTRACTORS

Section 23

91 TRUCKS 100% 16 CONTRACTORS

District 3 -

Section 31

74 TRUCKS 100% 18 CONTRACTORS

Section 33

83 TRUCKS 100% 19 CONTRACTORS

District 4 -

Section 41

69 TRUCKS 100% 0 CONTRACTORS

Section 43

73 TRUCKS 100% 29 CONTRACTORS

TOTAL STATE TRUCKS 632 TRUCKS

TOTAL CONTRACTOR 183 TRUCKS

TOTAL TRUCKS 815

ALL ROADS ARE OPEN AT THIS TIME.

Military Department/Connecticut National Guard

CTNG/Military Department currently has one representative in the SEOC. The CTNG Joint Operations Center (JOC) is in a partial activation posture and is manned with additional staffing. The JOC is conducting Command and Control (C2) for CTNG forces and monitoring SEOC storm data. Possible mission sets have been identified and planned. Selected units have been notified of possible utilization by the Governor and are awaiting execution orders. No additional information at this time.

Commission on Fire Prevention and Control

Fire Prevention & Control (ESF4) 1230 Sit Rep

A Fire Liaison continues to staff the SEOC. Monitoring incidents statewide. Numerous reports of awning and out building collapses.

HARTFORD COUNTY

Ellington FD reports a 60'x40' Garage/Outbuilding in that town collapsed. No injuries reported. Utilities isolated. Somers, updated regarding Barn Collapse. One horse DOA, one euthanized, one being worked on.

NEW HAVEN COUNTY

Reported roof collapse, 24 South Orchard Street in Wallingford a commercial occupancy. Fire Department securing the scene. Also a day care facility in that town, "Precious Cargo" is temporarily uninhabitable, until cleared, due to a sagging roof. There was an earlier roof collapse in that town at Tri-State Tire, a commercial occupancy. No injuries reported at any of these events.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

From 00:30 This morning

00:30 29 Hemlock Drive, Monroe -Structure Fire All three Monroe Departments Mutual Aid

Tanker Task Force; (1 tanker and 1 engine) Botsford, (1 tanker) Sandy hook, (2 tankers) Shelton, (1 engine) Easton, (1 engine) Long Hill, (1 engine) Trumbull Center

00:46 - Bulk of fire K/D, NOT UNDER CONTROL

00:49 - Monroe151 command, Monroe251 operations, Stepeny153 water supply, tankers on scene dropping water and then going for more water

00:53 - Shelton enroute

00:55 – Trumbull and Easton enroute

00:57 - 2nd Shelton Tanker to the scene, Station coverage also being assigned

01:06 - fire is out, doing over haul at this time, and releasing all tankers and tankers that are not on scene.

Public Information

Home and business owners are reminded that as a result of the heavy accumulation, drifting, and plowing of snow fire hydrants often become blocked or buried and may severely hamper firefighting operations. Every effort should be made to clear nearby fire hydrants as soon as possible.

Heavy Snowfall can cause concern for Carbon Monoxide

Due to the heavy accumulation and drifting of snow experienced in the State of Connecticut, citizens are being informed of a common problem found with furnaces and other heating systems in the storm's aftermath. The problem encountered by many homeowners occurs when snow blocks furnace and hot water heater fresh air intake and exhaust vents. This can cause improper combustion or venting within the furnace or, in some cases, can cause deadly Carbon Monoxide gas to accumulate inside the home. Newer heating systems are more vulnerable to these issues due to the location of these vents, which are installed much lower on the side wall of a home. Homeowners can take the following precautions to ensure their safety;

- Have a properly operating Carbon Monoxide detector
- Keep the fresh air intake and exhaust vent area free from snow or ice build-up
- Home owners can find the inlets and outlets of your furnace by looking at the heating equipment and following the intake back to where it penetrates the wall. Then check this area outside to ensure no snow is blocking the vents. Citizens are also reminded to keep alert for symptoms of Carbon Monoxide exposure. Symptoms and effects vary between individuals, even at the same level of CO exposure, but people typically experience flu-like symptoms, including: dizziness, fatigue, weakness, headache or vomiting, trouble breathing, or confusion. If anyone suspects symptoms from Carbon Monoxide exposure they should evacuate the home and call the Fire Department. Fire Departments are equipped to check for this dangerous condition and can also provide you with assistance in keeping your home CO free.

*Also, restate concerns about potential for roof collapse due to the heavy accumulation of snow.

Connecticut Light and Power

At 1245hrs CL&P website shows 404 customer outages

United Illuminating

At 1255hrs UI website shows 52 customer outages

Red Cross

Red Cross is continuing with casework in field for three fires (Niantic, Ridgefield and Hartford).

Red Cross is continuing to monitor the situation.

End of report.

Next report at 1600hrs on 1/27/11

www.ct.gov/demhs

