



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY



Posted at 3:10 PM on 10/7/13...

STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER – MONITORING

A Tornado Watch has been issued for Litchfield County until 5:00 PM and a Severe Thunderstorm Watch has been issued for Hartford, Tolland and Windham Counties until 10:00 PM. In addition the NOAA Storms Prediction Center (SPC) has placed Western Connecticut and most of Eastern New York State into the slight risk category for severe thunderstorms for this afternoon and early this evening. Temperatures are currently in the mid to upper 70's across most of the state with mostly cloudy skies and south winds at 25 MPH gusting to 40 MPH at times. An approaching cold front currently located in Eastern New York State will move east during the next hour and into Western Connecticut between 3:30 – 4:00 PM. A line of heavy showers and a few thunderstorms ahead of the cold front is moving to the East at 25 – 35 MPH with individual storms along the line moving to the Northeast at 50 – 70 MPH. Some of the storms contain weak rotation however no tornado warnings have been issued along this line as of 3:00 PM. This line is forecast to move across Connecticut from West to East between 4:00 – 7:00 PM. The most likely area for severe weather is in Western Connecticut. A Wind Advisory is also in effect for Litchfield, Hartford, Tolland and Windham Counties until 8:00 PM. Currently the SPC is forecasting a 15% - 30% chance for strong wind gusts (45 – 55 MPH) and a 2 – 5% chance for an isolated tornado with any strong to severe thunderstorms that develop. Torrential downpours are also expected with some thunderstorms and may result in brief localized urban flooding with 1 – 2" of rain. No river flooding is expected at this time.

Overall this is expected to be a minor severe thunderstorm event with a minor number of power outages and some localized urban flooding being the expected impacts. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to monitor the latest conditions and will send out additional updates if severe weather develops.

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