



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



Posted at 3:50 PM on 2/13/14...

STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - ACTIVATED

At 3:30 PM radar and surface reports indicated that light snow was falling across Northern CT with a light mix across Central CT and light rain along the coast. Temperatures currently range from the upper 20's in Northern CT up to 37 F at the southeast coast. Total snowfall thus far ranges from 5" - 7" near the MA Border, 6" - 8" in Central CT/Southeast Coast and up to 7" - 13" along the coast. The heaviest snow has fallen in Southern Fairfield and New Haven Counties. Roads are improving slowly along the coast with the major highways being generally wet with some slush. Roads in Central and Northern CT remain snow and slush covered in most areas. A rain/snow line is currently located approximately from Torrington to just North of Hartford over to North of Mansfield. At 3:15 PM CL&P and UI were reporting a total of 334 outages (mostly in Norwalk) across the state.

During the next several hours towns can expect light rain in Southern CT and a mix of light freezing rain and sleet across most of the state during the afternoon rush hour and into this evening. Temperatures are forecast to hold steady and range from the upper 20's in Northern CT to the mid 30's along the coast. Northeast winds are forecast to shift to the North and remain sustained at 20 - 30 MPH with gusts to 35 MPH at times. The impact on the afternoon rush hour in Southern CT is expected to be minor (highways) to moderate (Secondary Roads) and moderate across Northern CT with snow cover and slush on most roads. The NE winds combined with the wet snow and some freezing rain may result in some additional minor power outages.

Tonight...Mixed precipitation changing back to snow in Western CT around 10:00 PM and across the rest of the state by 2:00 AM. There will likely be another period of moderate to heavy snow across Western CT between 10:00 PM and 4:00 AM with 3" - 6" inches of additional accumulation and 1" - 3" inches of additional accumulation in Eastern CT between 2:00 - 4:00 AM. The snow is forecast to end completely just after 4:00 AM. The impact on the Friday morning rush hour is forecast to be minor to moderate with snow and slush cover on secondary roads. The highways should have fairly clear lanes with some patches of black ice.

Total accumulations are expected to range from 7" - 10" along the MA border and NW Hills, 7" - 13" across Central CT and the Southeast Coast and up to 8" - 15" along the Central Coast and Southwestern CT. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will issue another update on this storm at 8:30 PM this evening.

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