



# Situation Report

## Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center

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### SITUATION REPORT #4 ON WINTER WEATHER

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**Situation** - The National Weather Service has issued a Blizzard Warning until midnight on Wednesday night, December 9th. The warning includes the following counties: Taylor, Clark, Buffalo, Trempealeau, Jackson, LaCrosse, Monroe, Juneau, Adams, Vernon, Crawford, Richland, Grant, Marquette, Green Lake, Fond du Lac, Sheboygan, Sauk, Columbia, Dodge, Washington, Iowa, Dane, Jefferson, Lafayette, Green, Rock, Chippewa, Dunn, Pierce, Eau Claire, Marathon, Shawano, Wood, Portage, Waupaca, Outagamie, Brown, Kewaunee, Waushara, Winnebago, Calumet, Manitowoc, Marinette, Oconto, Menominee, and Door. The remainder of the State remains under a Winter Storm Warning. The National Weather Service advises that falling and blowing snow with strong winds will create poor visibilities that will lead to whiteout conditions. Travel will be extremely dangerous. Travel is not recommended.

**Governor's State of Emergency** - Governor Doyle declared a State of Emergency for all 72 counties. The declaration calls to active duty elements of the Wisconsin National Guard and instructs all state agencies to assist in any response or recovery efforts that may be required.

**Wisconsin Emergency Management** - The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated beginning at 8:00 a.m. and is now fully operational. and is actively monitoring the weather situation. Staff from Department of Military Affairs, Wisconsin Emergency Management, Department of Transportation, State Patrol, Department of Natural Resources, and the National Weather Service are in the EOC. Regional Directors are in constant contact with County Emergency Management Directors.

**Joint Operations Center** - Ten National Guard facilities with vehicles will be manned beginning at 0600 hours on Wednesday for at least two shifts. One air crew has been placed on standby also beginning at 0600 hours.

**Department of Transportation** - Participated on a conference call with State Patrol. Highway 51/Interstate 39 was reported very dangerous. DOT message boards were utilized to warn motorists of the treacherous conditions. They will work to keep the Interstate and an alternate route open. DOT continues to monitor traffic information with State Traffic Operations Center.

**State Patrol** - Coordinating with local governments and the State Operations Center to handle any road closures. Coordinating with the National Guard on assistance that they could provide. Warning people and trying to discourage all travel. Reports no major incidents.

**Department of Natural Resources** - 82 wardens have been placed on standby Statewide (with 4-Wheel Drive Vehicle & snowmobile capabilities), and are establishing staffing for shift changes. They are monitoring the situation via e-sponder.

**Public Information** - Continues to conduct media interviews.

Information and updates are posted on Emergency Management's website, <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/> and Twitter [http://twitter.com/WI\\_EOC](http://twitter.com/WI_EOC).

For further information, contact Wisconsin Emergency Management at 608-242-3232.

