



# News Release

## WISCONSIN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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**DATE:** December 11, 2010  
8:00 p.m.

**TO:** Governor Jim Doyle

**FROM:** Mike Hinman  
WEM Administrator

**SUBJECT: Situation Report #1 on Severe Weather**

A major winter storm is blanketing Wisconsin, bringing heavy snow, strong winds, and rain/sleet. Roads across the state are snow packed and icy and travel is not advised. The Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated at 7:00 p.m. this evening to monitor the storm. Wisconsin Emergency Management, Wisconsin National Guard, Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Wisconsin State Patrol staff are in the EOC.

Earlier this evening, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Wisconsin State Patrol issued a media release advising motorists to not travel, unless absolutely necessary. There are numerous reports of accidents across the state. DOT reports that an almost 150-mile stretch of I-94 between Tomah and Hudson is impassable after heavy snow pummeled the area for much of the day.

Winter Storm advisories, warnings and blizzard warnings have been issued for much of the state as heavy snow continues causing limited visibility and whiteouts in some areas as strong winds pick up. Snow, gusty winds and bitter cold temperatures will continue through Sunday.

There has been no other request for state assistance.

For further information, contact Wisconsin Emergency Management at 608-242-3239.

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