



News Release

WISCONSIN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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DATE: February 20, 2011
8:00 p.m.

TO: Governor Scott Walker

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SUBJECT: Situation Report #4 on Severe Weather & Support for Planning Efforts

The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains elevated to Level 3 with limited state staff to support planning efforts to Capitol Police, Madison Police Department, Dane County Sheriff's Department, UW Police, Wisconsin State Patrol and many other state and local agencies in response to crowd control for this weekend's events. The EOC is also continues to monitor the winter storm over Wisconsin.

Weather:

Snow continues to fall across central Wisconsin. Waupaca, west of Green Bay, has received 9 inches of snow so far, with blustery winds creating whiteout conditions in the area. The Fond du Lac area has received 7 inches of snow, and La Crosse has received 5 inches. Snow is expected to continue to fall in central Wisconsin through the night, with occasional periods of heavy precipitation.

Snow, rain and sleet will diminish to light snow and freezing drizzle in southern Wisconsin overnight. Widespread light snow will develop in the area Monday morning. The Milwaukee and Madison areas have received 2 inches of snow.

Significant ice accumulations remain a concern for south central and southeast Wisconsin as the storm progresses.

Traffic:

Traffic incidents have been cleared on eastbound I-94, mile post 68 (near Eau Claire) and southbound I-39 between mile posts 179 and 180.

The state EOC will remain at Level 3 to monitor the storm. Motorists should check road conditions at www.511wi.gov or dial 5-1-1 before heading out as well as have an emergency safety kit in the vehicle. Additional safety information is available at <http://ReadyWisconsin.wi.gov>.