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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER # 1

Incident Number: 2011-011

Date: 10/30/11

Time: 0800 hours

State EOC Level: II

WebEOC Incident Name: 2011 October Snowstorm

SITUATION OVERVIEW

A severe winter storm has impacted the State of New Hampshire. Estimates of 6-12 inches of heavy wet snow are expected to accumulate throughout the State with many higher terrains exceeding 12 inches through Sunday pm. With the snow and high winds numerous power outages are expected statewide due to downed trees and power lines.

WEATHER

Low pressure will track northeast and rapidly intensify off Cape Cod overnight Saturday, producing wet heavy snow and increasing wind across northern New England. The intense coastal storm will exit into the Maritimes on Sunday with a gusty northerly flow behind it. High pressure will build in and then remain over New England through the middle of next week, with a gradual warm up expected.

Winter storm warning continues until 1400 hours 10/30/11

High wind warning continues until 1200 hours 10/30/11

Today: Snow showers, mainly before 9am. The snow could be heavy at times. High near 38. Breezy, with a north wind between 15 and 21 mph, with gusts as high as 32 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. Total daytime snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches possible.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 17. Northwest wind around 7 mph.

STATUS OF STATE OPERATIONS

EOC at Level II. HSEM monitoring weather and track of this winter storm. A basic operational schedule has been developed.

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES

1. Continue to monitor storm and its impacts.
2. Continue assessment of power outages and the impact on the public.
3. Schedule non-public, working conference call for local emergency personnel at noon.
4. Work with communities in assessing the need for shelter operations.
5. Continue focusing on public messaging.
6. Continue monitoring activities at local, state and federal levels.
7. Provide situation awareness to state partners and local municipalities.
8. Maintain updates on WebEOC.
9. Develop EOC staffing schedule to end of week 11/06/2011
10. EOC to Level III with ESFs 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 12 and 13.

ESF SUMMARY

ESF 1 TRANSPORTATION

Traffic Management Center (TMC) reporting 6 local roads reported closed, 17 State roads segments closed. Speed limit lowered to maximum 45mph statewide. Scattered trees and power lines down. Major segments include NH 107, NH 3A, NH 202, US 3, NH 101, NH 4, NH 63, NH 107A

ESF 2 COMMUNICATIONS & ALERTING

E911 Reporting in excess of 75 major calls; most related to cars off highway, trees and power lines down.

ESF 3 PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

ESF 4 FIREFIGHTING

ESF 6 MASS CARE, SHELTER AND HUMAN SERVICES

No shelters opened at this time.

ESF 7 RESOURCE SUPPORT (Including Military Activities)

ESF 8 HEALTH & MEDICAL SERVICES

No issues

ESF 9 SEARCH & RESCUE

ESF 10 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE

ESF 11 AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

ESF 12 ENERGY

Outages:

PSNH: 180,402; NH ECOOP: 12,856; Unitil: 42,336; National Grid: 15,665

Total: 251,259 (as of 0530)

ESF 13 PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Several hundred cars were reported off the roads. There were approximately 20 accidents. Although there are currently 9 active accidents, including one involving an ATV on Route 101; nothing major is reported (ie: black ice incidents). Troop A reporting hardest hit area.

ESF 14 LONG-TERM COMMUNITY RECOVERY

SUPPORT ANNEXES

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

There are seven (7) local EOCs opened as of 0800 (10/30/2011)

FEDERAL PARTNERS

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES

Calls from media being answered. Interview with Director Pope this date with WMUR.

NEXT ANTICIPATED REPORT

Date: 10/30/2011

Time: 2000 hours

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