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Situation Report Winter Storm Event January 28, 2009 12:00 Noon UPDATED INFORMATION IN BOLD

SUMMARY

A Canadian cold front pushed into Missouri Monday, mixing with Gulf moisture and creating some hazardous weather conditions. So far, there have been **five** fatalities reported in weather-related accidents throughout the state. Officials report power is out on more than **98,000** meters across Missouri. **National Weather Service indicated that areas in South Missouri had received from ½ to 1” of freezing rain. Other areas had up to 4” of sleet and other areas had up to 7” of snow the further north in Missouri.**

SEMA has activated the State EOC to a level **two** activation. Appropriate State agencies have reported to the State EOC and have received their initial assignments.

Power outages - Utilities:

Ameren UE – 35, 000 meters are without power, primarily in southeast Missouri. **1,400 contractors and employees with 400-500 more expected today and Ameren is looking for additional resources.**

Empire Electric – Less than 50 in and around Branson.

Missouri Electric Cooperatives – Several cooperatives are reporting 63,000 meters without power. 200-300 linemen from other areas have been called in to assist with more on the way. Over a thousand poles down in addition to transmission lines. The New Madrid Plant is down, but they hope to have a one unit up this afternoon. They are receiving power from the grid.

Counties/Cities Reports:

Barry County – Icy roads throughout the county. Power is sporadic near Shell Knob. Shelters are on stand-by. No requests for assistance at this time.

Bollinger County – Mostly sleet with 3-4 inches on ground. No significant power outages. Emergency vehicles are primary concern on the highways.

Butler County – Thick layer of ice with snow on top. No significant power outages. Two shelters are on stand-by. No requests for assistance at this time. **Generators are the highest need for their shelters.**

Camden County – Received some ice covered by up to ¾ inch sleet/light snow mix. Road conditions remain dangerous. No power outages reported and no shelters open at this time. EOC is monitoring conditions. Disaster partnership members are on stand-by.

Cape Girardeau County – Some freezing rain throughout the county. Some roads are treacherous and MoDOT is working on the main highways. No shelters are open. No power outages. No requests for

assistance at this time. **Power outages in the southern part of the county – about 400 meters out of service.**

Carter County –No major issues with water or power. No shelters are anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

Christian County – Some ‘slide offs’ Monday night. One fatal accident that is weather related, but no details available. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

Crawford County – Wintry mix of precipitation reported. No power outages and no requests for assistance.

Douglas County – No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time. EOC is on standby.

Dunklin County – The Cities of Campbell, Clarkton and Kennett are without power; Malden had occasional outages. Six or seven shelters are being opened up around the county. All roads are open. **Still without power, but Kennett is coming back on line. Two additional generators are needed for Senath and Malden**

Franklin County – Sleet is falling and numerous accidents have occurred. No outages. Six shelters are on stand-by.

Howell County – Freezing rain and sleet left 200 homes without power. Roads are hazardous, but passable. No requests for assistance at this time. City of Willow Springs reports no outages. School is being set up as a shelter. City of West Plains reports no outages and no major problems.

Johnson County – ½ inch of snow. No damages and no requests at this time.

Madison County – Primary roads are passable, secondary roads are covered with freezing rain/sleet. No power outages.

McDonald County – Icy roads and some ‘slide-offs’. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

Mississippi County –Two shelters are open in East Prairie, which also has outages. **Significant damage throughout Mississippi County. City of Charleston is without power – need shelter assistance for nursing home. Need National Guard assets for debris removal and welfare checks. Also need fuel for generators.**

New Madrid County – Some outages in the Cities of Lilbourn, Parma and Matthews. Mostly individuals’ homes have lost power. Some outages reported, including the Nursing Home. **Significant damage throughout the county. Almost 100% of county without power. At least six warming centers throughout the county. City of Portageville – No electricity and no water. . Food stocks are low and the need is great.**

Oregon County – City of Thayer without power. One shelter is open. Numerous limbs, poles and lines down.

Ozark County – Several undetermined outages reported in rural parts of county. No requests for assistance at this time.

Pemiscot County – Two shelters are being opened in Caruthersville. Power is out in about half of cities of Caruthersville and Hayti. No request for assistance at this time. **Huge amount of damage, no water, lots of pole damage therefore no power. City of Caruthersville is operating out of their EOC and are requesting generators for their warming center and for the nursing home.**

Ripley County – Main roads are clear. American Red Cross has opened a shelter with 10 people in it. Power outages throughout the county, one shelter with 43 residences. Naylor is 100% without power and City of Doniphan has about 75% of the City without power.

St. Francois County - No reports of power outages. A few accidents and one fatality accident occurred Monday night. Warming shelter and special-needs shelters are on stand-by. EOC is partially activated.

Ste. Genevieve County- Sleet being reported and roads are a bit hazardous. No outages reported. No requests for assistance.

Scott County – Sikeston has one business closed due to roof failure. Primary shelter in Sikeston was moved to the high school. Some power lines are down in the city and traffic signals are out. An American Red Cross shelter is open in Miner. County EOC is open. **275 in shelters. Need water supplies and generator for the water system. City of Sikeston power is starting to come back up. They are looking for generators for nursing homes have failed. Need staff assistance for the local hospital.**

Shannon County – About 6” of sleet reported but no power outages at this time and no requests for assistance.

Stoddard County – Sporadic outages in Dexter and other parts of county. Warming center opened at Parklane Gymnasium. Health Department has activated mass casualty trailer. EOC is open. **Three generators for the water supply system. Several shelters open, with more to be open. Need fuel for shelter generators as well as food and water for same.**

Stone County – Large area in southern part of county reportedly without power (approximately 1200). No requests for assistance or sheltering at this time.

Taney County – Icy roads and some accidents. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time. Two shelters are on standby. **Very few homes without power. Debris clearance is a priority**

Texas County – Ice with sleet on top. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

Webster County – Lots of ‘slide-offs’ Monday night. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

Wright County - No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

State Agencies:

ESF-1 Transportation - Missouri Department of Transportation – Crews continue to work on affected roads. **I-55 is open to the Arkansas line, but the northbound lane has been blocked at Mile marker 52 because of trailer incident. I-44 was partly covered in the overnight, but they have worked it**

overnight. Some closures have resulted from power lines over the road. Fuel is becoming a problem. Moving resources from other parts of the state. Salt is another resource that has been moved around.

ESF-2 Communications – MSHP Communications reports one repeater is down in Dunklin County.

ESF-3 Public Works – DNR/Water is working to assist PSC in getting water utilities. They are issuing information on disinfecting water.

ESF – 4 Fire and Rescue - Missouri State Fire Marshal – 15 firefighters have been sent to under mutual aid.

ESF – 5 Emergency Management - SEMA is at level two activation and the State EOC is on a 24-hour staffing pattern.

ESF – 6 Human Services - Missouri Department of Social Services – Working with local jurisdictions to accurately track shelters being opened and possible needs resulting from that. 13 shelters with over 150 residents.

ESF – 7 Logistics –Providing generator supports. Local jurisdictions need to provide a properly trained electrician. Fuel needs also need to be coordinated after installation. Department of Corrections (DOC) community supervision center in Kennett is on generator power; the community supervision center in Poplar Bluff is operating on normal power. DOC Southeast Correctional Center in Charleston is on generator power. DOC community supervision center in Kennett will be used as a shelter for linemen. There are 30 beds available as they're no offenders in residence at this time.

ESF – 8 Public Health – Department of Health and Senior Services has the Disaster Situation Room ramped up. Put out news releases on chainsaw safety and generator safety.

ESF - 10 Hazardous materials – DNR –EER is monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.

ESF - 11 Agriculture – Dept. of Agriculture is monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.

ESF –12 – Energy – DNR Energy is working a problem with the Scott County/MoDOT on a road that is preventing fuel trucks from getting in and out of the fuel depot (State Highway N).

ESF – 13 – Public Safety – Missouri Highway Patrol – Troop areas are assisting local jurisdictions as requested, working accidents and keeping highways cleared of accidents. Missouri State Water Patrol – 15 officers are on standby with another 15 on notice. Department of Conservation has a couple of officers assisting local jurisdictions and is will to take on additional assignments.

ESF – 14 – Long Term Recovery – No report as this time.

ESF – 15 – Public Affairs - Fielding calls from National networks and issuing press releases.

ESF – 16 Missouri National Guard – Liaison officers are being dispatched and more soldiers are being called up and ready for assist local jurisdictions.

Volunteer Agencies:

United Way – 211 – Up and running and taking calls.

American Red Cross – Assisting with Shelter requests. Need specifics for opening shelter...cots, meals and water numbers would assist in getting them up and running.

AmeriCorp Volunteers - Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.

Civil Air Patrol – Ground, air and communications assets remain on alert and will respond if needed.

Convoy of Hope - Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed

Salvation Army – Assisting in feeding operations at Joplin shelter and at other sites, as needed.

Weather:

National Weather Service (St. Louis) reports that skies will be clearing across the state from west to east. The winter storm has finally departed the bootheel and is moving east. Temperatures will be in the low 20s today, with a warming trend up to and over the weekend. No precipitation is expected through the week and into the weekend.

Point of Contact:

The State Emergency Management Agency can be contacted at 573-526-9100. This number will be staffed until further notice on a 24-hour basis.