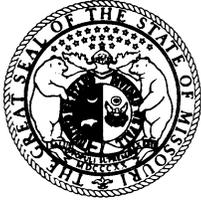


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Situation Report Winter Storm Event January 29, 2009 11:00 A.M.

UPDATED INFORMATION IN BOLD

SUMMARY

A Canadian cold front pushed into Missouri Monday, mixing with Gulf moisture and creating some hazardous weather conditions. There have been six fatalities reported in weather-related accidents throughout the state. Officials report power is out on more than 112,600 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. **Governor Nixon directed SEMA to activate the State EOC and signed an Executive Order activating the Missouri National Guard for State Emergency Duty. Governor Nixon has also requested an expedited Declaration of this disaster from the President.**

SEMA has activated the State EOC to a level two activation. Appropriate State agencies have reported to the State EOC and are responding to requests from County and City officials.

Power outages - Utilities:

Ameren UE – **34,600** meters are without power, primarily is southeast Missouri. **1,300** linemen are already working to restore power with more coming into the area. An estimated **1,000** poles or more are down due to the storm.

Missouri Electric Cooperatives – Several cooperatives are reporting **53,000** meters without power. Over a thousand poles are down, in addition to transmission lines.

Missouri Public Utilities Association - An estimated **25,000** meters remain without power.

Counties/Cities Reports:

Barry County – Central Dispatch reports all roads are dangerous and traffic that is moving is doing so very slowly. Two shelters are open and others are on stand-by. Some power outages still in the Shell Knob area. County EOC remains on stand-by.

Butler County – Reporting about 80% of population without power. Animal sheltering assistance being requested.

Cape Girardeau County – Power outages in the southern part of the county – about 400 meters out of service. **Two warming centers are open in Cape Girardeau. Overnight shelter is open in Delta. Half a dozen buildings have collapsed – primarily agriculture outbuildings.**

Carter County – Power out in Grandin since Monday night. No water or sewer and power is out in surrounding area. Warming center is being set up there. Working with PSC to see if generator is needed in Grandin. Travel is still difficult in the area. Concerns over status of Hwy 21. Limited EOC operations.

Christian County – Some ‘slide offs’ Monday night. One fatality accident occurred that was weather related. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

Douglas County –Still a few power outages. No requests for assistance at this time. EOC is on standby.

Dunklin County –**City of Cardwell continues to need a generator. Shelters are at Malden and Senath. Entergy line is down around Holcomb. City of Kennett – Water plant is up and running and they are assisting Pemiscot County. City of Kennett has requested cots to turn two warming centers into overnight shelters. City of Malden needs manpower assistance to do wellness checks.**

Howell County - Roads are hazardous, but passable. No requests for assistance at this time. **6,500** out of power primarily between West Plains and the Arkansas line. 75 fire calls in the last two days, two structural fires.

Madison County – No power outages and crews are working to clear roads. Primary roads are passable, secondary roads are covered with freezing rain/sleet.

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. **85% power outage in Charleston. Sewage lift stations continue to need generators. East Prairie is without water and City of Charleston is assisting them with water from their plant. Debris clearance is becoming a number one priority. East Prairie is requesting generators and National Guard assistance.**

New Madrid County – Some outages in the Cities of Lilbourn, Parma and Matthews. Significant damage throughout the county. **Incident Support Team and MONG liaison is in place. They have seven warming shelters in the County. They continue to need generators. City of Portageville continue to need food and water for the shelters. An Entergy line is blocking the water plant and needs to be repaired.**

Oregon County – Cities of Thayer and Alton still have some power outages. One shelter is open. Numerous limbs, poles and lines down.

Ozark County – Several undetermined outages reported in rural parts of county. About 3,000 residents are without power. One shelter is open.

Pemiscot County – County has 100% power loss. **City of Caruthersville is operating out of their EOC and continue to need generators and water. MONG is doing wellness checks**

Ripley County – Main roads are clear with some power outages. One shelter is open. Naylor is 100% without power and City of Doniphan has about 75% of the City without power.

Pulaski County – **Snow removal is highest priority. No ice on trees and no outages reported.**

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

Scott County – Sikeston had one business closed due to roof failure. Some power lines are down in the city and traffic signals are out. Need water supplies and generator for the water system. Reporting 300 people in the city’s shelter and 80 in special needs shelter. **Out county area continues to need some bottled water. 30% of the power has been restored. MONG is on site. There is a continuing need of staff assistance for the local hospital.**

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. **Still looking for generators. Also looking for bottled water. Cell phone service is sporadic.**

Stone County – Large area in southern part of county reportedly without power (approximately 1200). One shelter has been opened in Kimberling City.

Wright County –Some parts of the county had 6’ of sleet accumulation. Roads are still being cleared. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

State Agencies:

ESF-1 Transportation - Missouri Department of Transportation – MoDOT shows 96 road closures in Southeast Missouri, mostly power line issues. U.S. 160 is closed in Butler County. All Interstates are open. Crews continue to work on affected roads and assess damage along secondary roads. Fuel and materials are in good shape.

ESF-2 Communications – MSHP Communications reports **one repeater in Doniphan is back working.** Working to get generators to tower sites, which have been operating on battery power.

ESF-3 Public Works – DNR/Water is working to assist PSC in getting water utilities to 30 systems. Reminded to issue boiling water orders. They are issuing information on disinfecting water. **Conservation has four chainsaw crews out working in Taney Counties, and four crews in Ozark County. They are assisting Ripley County in clearing roads. Conservation is transporting six trailers of cots to Poplar Bluff.**

ESF-4/9 Fire and Rescue - Missouri State Fire Marshal indicates 15 firefighters have been sent to affected areas under mutual aid in **Kennett**. Also providing assistance with Incident Support Team in New Madrid County and wellness checks in Ozark County. **Tanker support for Portageville is still there.**

ESF-5 Emergency Management - SEMA is at level two activation and the State EOC is on a 24-hour staffing pattern. **SEMA officials would like to encourage local jurisdiction to document their storm-related expenses for potential reimbursement, if a Federal Disaster Declaration is received.**

ESF-6 Human Services - Missouri Department of Social Services is working with local jurisdictions to accurately track shelters being opened and possible needs resulting from that. **A distribution point established in Poplar Bluff.**

ESF-7 Logistics – SEMA Logistics is providing generator support - **106 generators have been mobilized.** 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. **In addition, DOC has staff and equipment throughout SEMO delivering generators.**

ESF- 8 Public Health – Department of Health and Senior Services has the Disaster Situation Room is activated. They are monitoring hospitals, long-term care facilities, local public health agencies, and senior and disabled clients. Put out news releases on chainsaw safety and generator safety. Dept. of Mental Health assisting issues with local healthcare providers as needed. **Looking at Hospital Staffing and Oxygen supplies.**

ESF-10 Hazardous Materials – DNR –EER is monitoring the situation and will respond if needed. **Looking into debris management issues.**

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

ESF-12 Energy – DNR Energy reports that both fuel terminals in the area have been cleared and are running. They are working to make sure fuel will be available for distribution in the affected area.

ESF-13 Public Safety – Missouri State Highway Patrol has troopers assisting local jurisdictions as requested, working accidents and keeping highways cleared of accidents. MSHP has sent **30** officers and a helicopter, while Missouri State Water Patrol has sent **fourteen** officers, to assist in Mississippi, Pemiscot and Scott counties.

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. **MONG has 90 citizen-soldiers assisting the local jurisdictions in many different locations throughout Southeast Missouri.**

ESF – 17 Animal Welfare – A Humane Society of Missouri survey team in enroute to Southeast Missouri to assist local jurisdictions.

Volunteer Agencies:

United Way – 211 – Up and running and taking calls. **They have received about 30 calls to date.**

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. **Working on a long-term feeding plan for the next week.**

AmeriCorps Volunteers – Two people dispatched to SEOC to support ESF-6. **About 40 others are deploying to Butler County to provide assistance at the Black River Coliseum to assist in the distribution center.**

Civil Air Patrol -- Ground, air, and communication assets remain on alert to assist if requested.

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. **Working with American Red Cross on the feeding situation.**

County Shelter Summary (As of 1/29/09 @ 0900 hrs.)

County	# of Shelters	Current Population
Barry	2	150
Butler	3	650
Cape Girardeau	2	1231
Dunklin	1	0
Howell	1	100
Jasper	1	190
New Madrid	3	0
Oregon	1	100
Ozark	1	100
Pemiscot	1	50
Ripley	2	90
Scott	3	0
Stoddard	5	400
Stone	2	500
Total	28	3511

Weather:

National Weather Service (St. Louis) indicates partly sunny skies today with highs nearing the freezing mark (30-35 degrees). There is some freezing fog this morning in Southeast Missouri, but should be gone by 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. A real warming trend with highs in the high 30s and low 40s over the weekend. There is a chance for rain on Sunday night into Monday morning.

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.