

NEWS RELEASE: Feb. 1, 2011

Emergency Management Update: 6 a.m.

Overnight sleet and freezing rain has failed to accumulate on trees and utility lines in Greene County, and the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management has received no reports of power outages.

Sleet is now transitioning into snow, and significant snow accumulation remains in the forecast.

“The snow we’ve anticipated has begun falling, and roads are quickly becoming treacherous,” said Ryan Nicholls, Director of the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management. “It’s highly recommended to avoid travel at all costs today.”

Road crews from Springfield Public Works and the Greene County Highway Department are already at work clearing snow and sleet from roadways. Road crews will focus on snow routes and primary arterials before working on minor routes. Travelers are advised that overnight precipitation has been heavier in the northern half of Greene County.

Residents are advised to park in driveways and parking lots when possible, rather than on the street, as it is difficult to plow around parked vehicles.

The Salvation Army is operating a warming center at 1707 W. Chestnut Expy., Springfield. Additional warming centers and shelters are on standby.

Greene County offices and courts, and City of Springfield administrative offices are closed today. Essential personnel, including police, fire, sheriff, 911 and emergency management, remain on duty.

For more information, call the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management at 417-869-6040; or Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Greene County Public Information Officer, at 417-224-5510; or Mike Brothers, City of Springfield Department of Public Information, at 417-894-9064.

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