# **Emergency Operations Center Partner Agencies**

01/11/17 - 3:30 p.m.

#### **Current Warnings and Watches:**

A Winter Storm Watch has been issued for Thursday night through Saturday afternoon.

### **Enhanced Weather Hazards Expected:**

Ice AccumulationSignificant (Friday)Excessive ColdLimited (Friday)

#### **Discussion:**

Today gusty southwest winds of over 45 MPH will be possible through the late afternoon. A wind advisory remains in effect until 6pm.

Confidence continues to increase that a winter storm will bring ice accumulation to the Missouri Ozarks from Thursday night into at least early this weekend.

- Timing: The initial threat for freezing rain and possibly some sleet will start Thursday
  night and Friday morning. Precipitation will continue through the weekend and
  perhaps into Monday, however, the precipitation type remains in question for this
  weekend.
- Ice Accumulation Impact: There is still considerable uncertainty on the location of the freezing line from later Friday into the upcoming weekend. This will have a direct impact on the amount of ice that accumulates. At this time, we are expecting a quarter to half of an inch of ice accumulation (possibly three quarters of an inch) generally along and north of the highway 60 corridor. Areas of far southern Missouri are expected to see less than quarter inch of ice.
- Other Impacts: There is some potential for heavy rainfall and localized flooding through the weekend with rainfall amounts 2 to 4 inches locally. There will be a limited risk for flooding generally along and south of the I-44 corridor this weekend.

#### **Travel Issues:**

**Impacts:** Hazardous travel risk is increasing from the potential ice accumulation. There is also a potential for ice on trees and power lines.

**Options to Consider:** Consider a winter storm kit for your car. Winterize your vehicle. Pay close attention to upcoming weather information. Watch for social media posts from OEM and our affiliated partners.

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#### **Emergency Management Issues:**

All partner agencies are prepared to address any issues involving the incoming winter weather:

- OEM will continue to monitor this developing weather situation. Partners should continue to monitor as well.
- A WebEOC incident can be found under the name: 2017-01-12 Regional Winter Weather
- Springfield-Greene County EOC currently at Level 4 Activation (Routine).

## Winter Storm Watch



### Preliminary Ice Potential

