Emergency Operations Center Partner Agencies 12/21/2022 – 1700 hrs

Watches and Warnings

Winter Storm & Wind Chill Warning. Winter Weather Advisory.

Hazards12/2212/2312/24Excessive ColdSIGNIFICANTSIGNIFICANTELEVATEDSnow/SleetSIGNIFICANT(NONE)(NONE)WindELEVATEDLIMITED(NONE)

Discussion

WINTER STORM WARNING & WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY IN EFFECT FOR THURSDAY. WIND CHILL WARNING IN EFFECT THROUGH SATURDA.

Historic & very rarely experienced wind chills expected (-25 to -35F) Rapidly falling temperatures will bring possibility of flash freezing on roadways. Potential for light freezing drizzle before snow moves into the area. Highest snow accumulation expected along/north of Highway 60. Heavy wind gusting up to 45 mph may be experienced into Thursday into Friday.

IMPACTS: Animals, vulnerable populations and motorist are at high risk for extreme cold exposure. The dangerously cold wind chills could cause frostbite on exposed skin in as little as 30 minutes.

Travel Issues

- Roads, especially bridges and overpasses, will likely remain slick and hazardous. Plan on slippery road conditions. The hazardous conditions could impact Thursday commutes (both AM and PM).
- Unseasonably cold temps will occur Thursday-Saturday morning.
- Slick spots will be possible mainly on elevated surfaces
- If you must travel, keep an extra flashlight, food, and water in your vehicle in case of an emergency.

Call for Road Conditions: 1-888-275-6636

Preparedness Considerations

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 affiliated partners.

Emergency Management Issues

- Springfield-Greene County EOC is currently at:
 - OpCon Level 4: Monitoring
- OEM will continue to monitor this developing weather situation. Partners should continue to monitor as well.
- Follow OEM: Twitter @gcoem and Facebook/OEM
- MoDOT: Traveler Information map: https://traveler.modot.org/map/
- Ozarks Traffic: http://www.ozarkstraffic.com/

This is an evolving weather event.

Please continue to monitor <u>weather conditions</u> as they develop.





