



DANE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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State of Emergency Declared

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Overnight winter storm conditions produced over 100 phone calls to Dane County 9-1-1 from stranded motorists throughout Dane County. Throughout the night, county snow plows, Dane County deputies, DNR wardens and Fire agencies responded to these calls in extreme blizzard conditions. Emergency vehicles had difficulty getting thru the snow with some also getting stuck. Chains were placed on squad cars and plow trucks. Plows were prioritized to assist deputies and fire personnel to rescue and assist stranded motorists. Six foot drifts and sustained winds of 50 mph were reported throughout the evening.

By 4:30 a.m. the situation had improved slightly with diminished calls to the 9-1-1 center and total stranded motorists decreasing to approximately 30. Rescues continue to be prioritized. Dane County Sheriff Mahoney urges motorists to avoid driving if at all possible until blizzard conditions diminish.

The National Weather Service predicts the blizzard warning will be ending at noon today. Heavy drifting continues. TRAVEL IS NOT RECOMMENDED.

Temperatures are expected to drop Wednesday afternoon and go well below zero Wednesday evening. The combination of drifting snow and low temperatures makes traveling extremely risky.

Dane County Emergency Operations Center operated throughout the night with Sheriff's Department staff, Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk, Emergency Management staff and Fire Chief's Association President along with many other agencies assisting through phone conference calls.

County Executive Kathleen Falk signed and declared a Declaration of a State of Emergency for Dane County. Falk says "thanks to all the emergency responders who worked all night to keep people safe."

The national weather service declared a Civil Danger Warning which is defined as "driving is extremely hazardous tonight on all roads in southern Wisconsin. If you become stranded....emergency vehicles may not be able to reach you."

[Click here for the latest forecast information from the National Weather Service.](#)

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Declaration of a State of Emergency

Whereas, blizzard conditions have occurred in the County of Dane affecting the entire county; and

Whereas, emergency conditions exist that require a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional response; and

Whereas, non-essential county operations and numerous local government non-essential services have been suspended;

Whereas, the disaster has caused the affected areas to commit all available resources; and

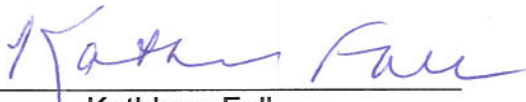
Whereas, the County of Dane is asking for State assistance and requests that the governor seek a Presidential Emergency Declaration on its behalf; and

Whereas, the State of Emergency shall expire forty-eight hours after issuance,

Be it resolved to protect the public peace, health and safety, preserve lives and property, economic stability, and insure cooperation and coordination, a Declaration of a Local State of Emergency is imposed; and

Be it further resolved that the Dane County Board of Supervisors be notified by the filing of the written declaration with the County Clerk on the first regular business day following the declaration and the County Clerk shall present the written declaration to the Board of Supervisors for ratification at its first meeting following such a declaration.

Set forth this day, the 2nd of February, 2011.



Kathleen Falk
Dane County Executive

Scott McDonell
Chairman – Dane County Board of
Supervisors