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**From:** Schimsa, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 9:33 AM  
**To:** Haley, Nikki  
**Cc:** Haley, Michael; Burns, James; Patel, Swati; Godfrey, Rob; Philpott, Katie; Peters, Hal  
**Subject:** RE: EMD Update - Winter Weather

Recap of Last Night's Winter Weather:

- Outages were a high of approx. 1,000, most of which were unrelated to the weather – a car ran into a transmission line, and now stand at 200, which is typical for a normal day.
- Traffic incidents were approx. 100, which is quite good for the wet road conditions.
- Shelters were not utilized (eight were on standby to open).
- Wreckers and ambulances from the National Guard were staged but not utilized.
- Snowfall was far less than was forecast – high of 3-4 inches (see chart below).

Today's Effects: Hazardous road conditions remain in some places in the Upstate but should improve as temperatures rise above freezing across the state (e.g. Greenville is forecast to hit a high of 40 today).

State Action: As all state and local agencies are returning to normal operations this morning, EMD will still hold a county call at 10:00 a.m. to double-check that there are no unmet local needs. Assuming that there are none, as is expected, **Kim and I recommend that the Governor rescind the State of Emergency for all 31 counties effective at 11:00 a.m. this morning.**

**Governor – Please let us know your decision, and we will prepare the order for your signature.**

Thank you.



**From:** Schimsa, Rebecca

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Understood and will do. Thank you.

Both DPS and DOT personnel and crews are returning to normal operations.

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On Feb 26, 2015, at 7:39 AM, Haley, Nikki <[govhaley@gov.sc.gov](mailto:govhaley@gov.sc.gov)> wrote:

No executive group call necessary

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 26, 2015, at 7:10 AM, "Schimsa, Rebecca" <[RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov](mailto:RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov)> wrote:

Morning Update from EMD;

Last night's winter storm had significantly less impact than anticipated with less snowfall than expected. Snowfall has ended. Winter storm warnings have been dropped and generally the northern tier of counties are under a winter weather advisory [until noon today](#).

Interstates are in good shape but some primary and secondary will have some issues until temperatures warm up later today. DPS has released the NG wrecker teams. Power outages were less than 1000, many of which were not storm related.

Several upstate counties have either closed or delayed county government operations. We plan on having a county call [at 1000 this morning](#) but I expect there will be no issues. I am currently working with the Governor's Office regarding a possible Executive Group call later this morning.

Based on the current situation I expect that we will return to normal operations sometime today.

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On Feb 25, 2015, at 9:16 AM, Schimsa, Rebecca <[RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov](mailto:RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov)> wrote:

**Morning Update on Winter Weather:**

**Forecast** – Upstate counties generally from Oconee/Anderson/Abbeville to the east will be under a winter weather warning starting at 1600 this afternoon and ending tomorrow at 0700. In this area it will primarily be a snow event with possible accumulations of 3-8 inches (see attached graphic). A winter weather advisory will be in effect for Chesterfield, Darlington, and Marlboro starting at 1800 today and ending tomorrow at noon. In this area, snow accumulation should be less than .5 inches and ice accumulation no more than .05 inches.

**County/State Closings** – There are 5 county governments (Dillon, Florence, Lancaster, Orangeburg, and Williamsburg) on delay this morning. There may be some early dismissals later this afternoon based on the next system starting to arrive late this afternoon.

**State Preparedness –**

- EMD will have conference calls with both the SERT and counties this morning to share information regarding current level of preparedness and potential requests.
- Discussions with DPS yesterday indicated that there would be no National Guard requirement to assist them with the execution with their plan but may change based on latest forecasts. There may also be 4 WD vehicle requests but we may be able to use assets other than the National Guard. EMD will confirm that today as well.
- EMD will confirm later today, but as a minimum, the current plan is to go to OPCON 4 (possibility of an emergency situation)

at 1800 today and staff the SEOC with some SCEMD staff to maintain situational awareness and act on any requests. EMD will discuss with the SERT this morning but we will probably ask for DPS, ORS, and DOT liaisons to report early Thursday morning. A FEMA liaison should arrive today but I do not think this event will require federal assistance.

- Based on this morning's calls with counties and state agencies, EMD will make a recommendation regarding a possible Governor's State of Emergency later today.

No significant outages have been reported to our office. No significant road or travel condition issues have been reported either.