



South Carolina Department of Transportation

Winter Storm Report as of

12:00 PM

January 22, 2016

Statewide Summary – Conditions throughout the state include rain, freezing rain, sleet and snow. Temperatures currently range from a high of 38 to a low of 24 degrees. Temperatures are expected to fall as the day progresses bringing possible icy conditions to roads and bridges. Travelers should exercise caution, especially on bridges as they will freeze before the roadway. SCDOT forces have begun working rotating 12-hour shifts utilizing snow plows and applying salt and other anti-icing materials. Assisting crew from District 6 (4 crews) and District 7 (8 crews) have been dispatched to York and Cherokee Counties, respectively. Also, approximately 175 tons of salt is being delivered to Spartanburg County from the Columbia Salt Dome.

The following values are the employees and equipment that are active, and the material already applied to the roadways.

546	Maintenance employees actively involved with road operations
2,735	Tons of Salt (cumulative total)
146	Tons of Sand (cumulative total)
2,330	Gallons of calcium chloride
326,860	Gallons of salt brine
296	Equipment in use

Engineering District 1 – Current conditions are rain with temperatures ranging from 30 to 36 degrees. Skeleton crews worked throughout the night in Kershaw and Lee Counties inspecting roads for possible icy conditions. Bridges in northern Kershaw are being treated. The district will transition to rotating 12 hour shifts later today and will apply anti-icing materials as conditions warrant.

Engineering District 2 – Current conditions are rain with temperatures ranging from 27 to 38 degrees. Skeleton crews reported for duty at 4:00 am in Anderson and Laurens Counties. Began rotating 12 hour shifts at 8:00 am today and will continue throughout the storm. Applying salt brine and salt on I-85 in Anderson County and on I-385 and I-26 in Laurens County. They continue to monitor conditions closely and apply anti-icing and deicing materials as necessary.

Engineering District 3 – Current conditions include rain, freezing rain and snow being reported with temperatures between 31 and 34 degrees. The district reports significant snow coverage in the mountainous areas of Oconee County with roads and bridges being partially covered with snow and ice in Pickens and Spartanburg Counties. Greenville is reporting rain. Will continue to plow and treat roads and bridges with brine with the interstates being the first priority. Crews are working rotating 12 hour shifts. They have mobilized SHEP, the Traffic Management Center, and Construction personnel are being used to operate pickup trucks equipped with salt spreaders.

Engineering District 4 – Current conditions ranging from rain in Fairfield and Union to sleet/freezing rain in remainder of the district. Temperatures range from 27 to 33 degrees. Cherokee, Chester, Lancaster, and York reports roads covered or partially with snow and ice. They report several accidents in Chester County, but no backups at this time, as they continue to plow and apply brine. The remainder of the district reports road conditions as being wet. The District is working rotating 12 hour shifts, and will continue this for the duration of the storm. They continue to apply deicing and anti-icing materials on interstates and primaries.

Engineering District 5 – Current weather conditions include freezing rain being reported in Marlboro and Florence Counties with the remainder of the district reporting rain. Temperatures range from 24 to 38 degrees. Crews are inspecting roads and pretreating where necessary. They continue to monitor conditions and apply deicing materials to interstates, primaries and some high volume secondary routes where conditions warrant. Will continue to monitor the weather and adjust operations as needed to respond to changing conditions.

Engineering District 6 – Normal operations. Crews have been placed on standby to support upstate counties if needed.

Engineering District 7 – Normal operations. Crews have been placed on standby to support upstate counties if needed.

The SCDOT customer service center will be open until 7 PM today, and will reopen tomorrow during the hours of 7 AM – 7 PM (hours are subject to change dependent on the weather).

The State Traffic Management Center is operational.

The Director of Maintenance office is monitoring the conditions and operations in the affected areas, and will be manned for the duration of the event. Road conditions in the affected counties are being continuously updated at: <http://206.74.144.9/RoadConditions/default.aspx?t=win>