





South Carolina Department of Transportation

Winter Storm Operations Report

4:00 PM December 9, 2018

SCDOT Operations Mode: Response

Statewide Summary – Winter weather impacted the upstate overnight and throughout the morning today dropping up to seven inches of snow in some areas. Snow transitioned to sleet and freezing rain generating some ice accumulations. Much of the precipitation has ceased, but there is a significant concern regarding the potential for wet roads to refreeze overnight. Heavy snow and ice accumulations combined with windy conditions have contributed to a significant number of fallen trees. Crews are actively engaged in snow and ice removal operations as well as tree removal operations.

Additional assistance crews were deployed today from the midlands to the upstate to assist. Contract wreckers remain staged along I-85 and I-77 and have responded to fourteen assistance calls through midday today.

Travel - Interstate conditions are improving but most roads along the I-85 corridor to North Carolina remain partially covered with snow and ice. There are approximately 50 weather related road closures at this time due to fallen trees in the roadway. Unnecessary travel is discouraged. If travel is necessary, motorists in the upstate should use extreme caution, reduce speed, and expect hazardous conditions, including the possibility of black ice. Motorists should watch for fallen trees as well as slow moving SCDOT equipment performing treatment operations.

The following resources have been deployed to assist in preparation and response operations:

808	Maintenance employees actively involved with winter operations
4,109	Tons of Salt (cumulative total)
460	Tons of Sand (cumulative total)
2,325	Gallons of calcium chloride (cumulative total)
484,175	Gallons of salt brine (cumulative total)
340	Snow removal equipment units in use



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SCDOT Headquarters – The SCDOT Customer Service Center (CSC) will continue 24 hour operations.

Traffic Conditions – Check for the most up to date traffic information through the SC DOT 511 mobile app.

SHEP – State Highway Emergency Program (SHEP) Units in the upstate are working extended hours. Additional units were dispatched to the upstate to assist in response to the winter storm. The State Traffic Management Centers in the Upstate and Columbia will be on 24 hour operations throughout the storm event.

Winter Storm Resources

SCDOT Storm Resources and Weather Related Road Conditions and Closures can be found at: <https://www.scdot.org/travel/winterResources.aspx>

Updates of activities will be reported through SCDOT's Twitter and Facebook accounts.



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