



South Carolina Department of Transportation

# Winter Storm Operations Report

**4:00 PM**

**December 8, 2018**

**SCDOT Operations Mode: Preparation & Response**

**Statewide Summary** – This is the initial operations report for this winter weather event. Winter weather is expected across the upstate beginning this evening and overnight. Current forecasts call for significant accumulations of snow and ice. Temperatures and road conditions are being monitored. Crews are pretreating bridges and Interstates and are positioned to respond to anticipated winter weather conditions.

Assistance crews have been deployed from the low country to the upstate to assist with the winter storm operations. Contract wreckers have been staged along I-85 and I-77 to assist with vehicle towing as necessary.

There are no weather related road closures at this time. Motorist should watch for slow moving SCDOT equipment performing pretreatment operations. Please use extreme caution when traveling in winter weather conditions. Reduce speed and watch for icy conditions.

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

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| <b>591</b>     | Maintenance employees actively involved with winter operations |
| <b>413</b>     | Tons of Salt (cumulative total)                                |
| <b>0</b>       | Tons of Sand (cumulative total)                                |
| <b>0</b>       | Gallons of calcium chloride (cumulative total)                 |
| <b>327,640</b> | Gallons of salt brine (cumulative total)                       |
| <b>212</b>     | Snow removal equipment units in use                            |

**SCDOT Headquarters** – The SCDOT Customer Service Center (CSC) will begin 24 hour operations today, Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5pm.

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



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**District Activities** – District Engineers are actively monitoring weather and road conditions and directing operations as conditions warrant.

**District 1 Summary** – Counties in the northern region of District 1 have pretreated bridges and areas of concern. All counties are currently experiencing rain. Weather conditions are continually being monitored and operations will be adjusted as conditions warrant.

**District 2 Summary** – Interstates and bridges have been pretreated. Pretreating or anti-icing operations will continue to be performed. Currently, all counties are experiencing rain. 24 hour operations will begin at 8:00 PM this evening in all counties in anticipation of an overnight transition to frozen precipitation.

**District 3 Summary** – All counties in District 3 are staffed and fully engaged in winter operations. Most counties in district 3 are still experiencing rain, with occasional brief snow flurries. Temperatures range from the upper 30s to lower 40s. Crews will continue to pretreat/treat roads and bridges. Plow trucks are staged and ready to deploy once snow or ice accumulation begins.

**District 4 Summary** – All counties in District 4 are staffed and fully engaged in winter operations. All interstates and primary routes have been pretreated with salt brine. Crews will continue to pretreat roads and bridges in anticipation of frozen precipitation later this evening. All counties are currently experiencing rain with temperatures in the low 40s. Additional staff will report and 24 hour operations will begin at 7:00 PM this evening. Plow trucks have been prepared and are ready to deploy once snow or ice accumulation begins.

**District 5 Summary** – No frozen precipitation is expected in District 5. However, the weather forecast will continue to be monitored in case conditions change. District 5 has dispatched crews to the upstate to assist in winter operations.

**District 6 Summary** – No frozen precipitation is expected in District 6. However, the weather forecast will continue to be monitored in case conditions change. District 6 has dispatched crews to the upstate to assist in winter operations.

**District 7 Summary** – No frozen precipitation is expected in District 7. However, the weather forecast will continue to be monitored in case conditions change. District 7 has dispatched crews to the upstate to assist in winter operations.

**SHEP** – State Highway Emergency Program (SHEP) Units in the upstate are working extended hours. Additional units have been dispatched to the upstate to assist during 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 Road Closures:** <https://www.scdot.org/travel/winterResources.aspx>

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

**Motorists are encouraged to use SCDOT's 511 mobile app or to call 511 for current travel conditions.**



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