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**Importance: HIGH**

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| <b>Incident Number:</b>      | 2010-01                             | <b>Date/Time</b>      | 2/27/10 2000 EST |
| <b>Incident Name:</b>        | 02-26-2010 February Snow/Rain Event | <b>Prepared By:</b>   | Fallon Reed      |
| <b>SitRep #:</b>             | 4                                   | <b>Authorized By:</b> | Jennifer Harper  |
| <b>EOC Activation Level:</b> | 3                                   |                       |                  |

**Situation:**

A significant rain and wind event overnight Thursday caused numerous utility outages and downed trees across the state. Utilities continue to work on restoration of outages across the state.

As of 1900 hours there are approximately 177,100 power outages throughout the state.

- 145,000 PSNH
- 19,000 Unitil
- 11,000 NHEC
- 2,100 National Grid

**There will be a conference call everyday at 1200 for Local Officials, until further notice.**  
**Call in number: 1-866-843-0890. PIN: 021172#.**

**Weather:**      **Gray, ME NWS** [www.erh.noaa.gov/er/gyx/](http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/gyx/)  
                          **Taunton, MA NWS** [www.erh.noaa.gov/box/](http://www.erh.noaa.gov/box/)

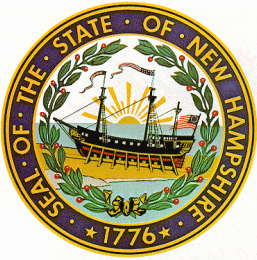
**Flood Warning continues for Suncook River at North Chichester affecting Merrimack County and Lamprey River near Newmarket affecting Rockingham and Strafford Counties.**

**Tonight:** Rain and snow showers before 7pm, then a chance of snow. Low around 24. Light north wind. Chance of precipitation is 90%. Total night time snow accumulation of less than one inch possible.

**Sunday:** A slight chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 42. Calm wind becoming north around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

**Sunday Night:** A chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 29. North wind between 5 and 13 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

**Monday:** A chance of rain and snow. Cloudy, with a high near 39. North wind between 14 and 16 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.



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#### Status of State Operations:

State EOC is at level 3. 102 missions/tasks have been completed since the start of the event, with 10 in progress currently.

#### Operational Objectives for next 24 hours:

Maintain Situational Awareness.

Provide information, coordination and support to impacted local communities.

Continue to monitor progress of storm and impact on the state.

Conduct conference calls and meetings with Governor, Department Heads, Utilities, Local Officials, and SAU's over the course of the day.

#### Operational Objectives for next 48 hours:

Maintain Situational Awareness.

Provide information, coordination and support to impacted local communities.

Continue to monitor progress of storm and impact on the state.

#### Infrastructure:

**Roads:** 22 state roads are closed, most of which are in District 6 on the Seacoast. 8 State roads are open to alternating one way traffic.

**Rivers and Streams:** Flood Warning continues for the following rivers: Suncook River at N. Chichester affecting Merrimack County and the Lamprey River near Newmarket affecting Rockingham and Strafford Counties. Do not drive through flooded areas, it is impossible to know if the road is safe for travel. Turn around, don't drown.

**Water Management:** Several towns had requested bottled water for their residents, this mission was filled by ESF – Volunteers and Donations.

**ESF 6&8:** The health and medical system across the state is fully operational and functioning within its capacity. No problems or requests for assistance are being reported at this time.

All 26 hospitals across NH are on the grid now and fully operational. Earlier today, Catholic Medical Center in Manchester lost power and began operating on generators, however power has since been restored.

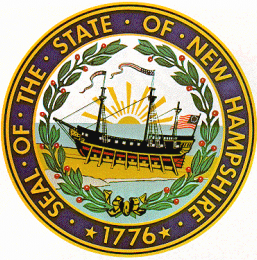
Food Protection inspectors completed inspections, embargoing and destruction of storm-damaged federal surplus dry goods stored by Administrative Services. Food Protection is available for questions at 271-4548 during normal business hours. After hours, individuals should contact 271-5300. There is some concern about food safety and protection with the power loss. Food Protection will have field teams going out tomorrow to check in with stores and businesses impacted with outages.

Office: 110 Smokey Bear Boulevard, Concord, N.H.

Mailing Address: 33 Hazen Drive, Concord, N.H. 03305

603-271-2231, 1-800-852-3792, Fax 603-223-3609

State of New Hampshire TDD Access: Relay 1-800-735-2964



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The 211 hotline is staffed and has received a total of 331 calls today, of which 233 were storm related. 211 is staffed 24 hours a day.

#### ESF 13:

State Police advised that Kearsarge Mountain is back up, however Pitcher Mountain is down and likely will be until tomorrow. Tenney Mountain is back up as well, but Cannon Mountain is intermittent due to ice coverage. Reports advise that the observation deck had wind damage to panels that protect the microwave system.

#### Shelters & Local Emergency Operations Centers:

Numerous Local Emergency Operation Centers have been activated throughout the state. PSNH and Unitil have also activated their EOC.

There are 22 shelters open currently and 2 on standby. The four regional shelters in Manchester, Concord, Keene and Rochester remain open as well. However, Keene will likely be recommended to close tomorrow.

#### Emergency Information and Public Affairs:

Citizens encouraged to access information on power outages utilizing the following resources:

- [www.PSNHnews.com](http://www.PSNHnews.com)
- [www.nh.gov/readynh](http://www.nh.gov/readynh)
- PSNH Twitter and Face book websites
- Local News Media Outlets
- or by calling 211

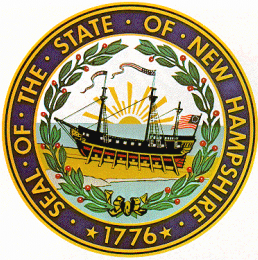
#### Other:

ESF 4 was active throughout the day handling numerous mission tasks for the local communities including coordinating with State partners on communication concerns at Warner Hill.

Reminder from SEOC Director please keeps your webEOC logs updated and current. Any issues with webEOC please contact the SEOC at 223-3704.

See attached documents for further info:

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<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/displayprod.php?product=PEMZFPGYX&versions=10> (Gray, Maine weather)

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/displayprod.php?product=BOSZFPBOX&versions=10> (Taunton, Mass weather)

<http://newweb.erh.noaa.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=gyx> (River Gauges-NOAA)

<http://www.nohrsc.noaa.gov/snowmodel/images/full/Northeast/nsmswe/200904/nsmswe2009040305Northeast.jpg>  
(Snow water Equivalent)

<https://rsgis.crrel.usace.army.mil/nae/pls/nae/naeweb.naewebmenu.displaymenu?menu=main> (Army Corps. River Gauges)

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nh/nwis/rt> (USGS Water Data for NH)

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