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Importance: High

Incident Number:	2010-01	Date/Time	2/26/10 2000 EST
Incident Name:	02-26-2010 February Snow/Rain Event	Prepared By:	Steve Finnegan
SitRep #:	2	Authorized By:	Dave Vaillancourt
EOC Activation Level:	3		

Situation:

A significant rain and wind event overnight Thursday has caused numerous utility outages and downed trees across the state. 1-2 inches of snow is expected overnight tonight with temperatures in the mid 20's. Coastal Flooding may occur with high tide this evening.

Power outages reached a maximum of approximately 400,000 overnight, all of which were scattered and affected all of the state's electric utilities. Reported outages as of 1600:

- PSNH: 265,728
- Unitil: 33,749
- N.H. Electric Co-op: 22,597
- Grid: 6,538

A five-alarm fire has burned 5 buildings including the Surf Hotel from A Street to Ashworth Ave in Hampton. .

Weather:

Gray, ME NWS www.erh.noaa.gov/er/gyx/
Taunton, MA NWS www.erh.noaa.gov/box/

Tonight: Snow. Low around 29. Northeast wind around 6mph becoming calm. chance of precipitation is 80%. total nighttime snow accumulation of 1-3 inches possible.

Saturday: Snow. High near 35. East wind between 3 and 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches possible.

Saturday Night: Snow likely. Cloudy, with a low around 24. Calm wind. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Sunday: A chance of snow showers before 1pm, then a chance of rain and snow showers. Cloudy, with a high near 39. Calm wind becoming north around 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Sunday Night: A chance of snow showers. Cloudy, with a low around 26. North wind between 5 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Status of State Operations:

State EOC is at level 3

Operational Objectives for next 24 hours:

Maintain Situational Awareness.

Provide information, coordination and support to impacted local communities.

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

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Infrastructure:

Roads: 38 state roads closed, 6 are alternating one way. Closures are due to high water or downed trees and power lines.

Dams: Doors Pond Dam Manchester. Dam overtopped during the night by about 7 inches. Water level currently dropping, no safety concern anticipated. DES and city reps onsite monitoring situation. Pine Valley Dam, Wilton. Half of the 4 foot high flashboards tripped. NO damages reported with flashboard operation reported from Town of Milford. Dam owner reps on site assessing and monitoring.

Rivers and Streams: Flood Warning has been extended for the Piscataquog River, Squannacook River, Nashua River, Spicket River. Minor to moderate flooding is expected along several rivers in the Merrimack region.

Water Management: Contacted 574 Water system owners. Modified Water Distribution Plan.

ESF 8: Veterans Hospital in Manchester without power.

ESF 13:

- Kearsarge Mountain down with extensive damage. Crew came off the mountain due to darkness and will be headed back on Saturday.
- Troop B Milford, & HQ/Troop D/G Concord are all on backup SP Concord communications/radio,
- Troop C Keene has to be dispatched at the troop due to outage when Concord would have performed the dispatch function.
- Troop F Tenney Mountain out possibly related to Kearsarge Mountain being down.
- Assist to National Grid - Two troopers are detailed to Pelham for the cleanup.
- Welfare check - Elderly lady in Dorchester without power. .

Shelters & Local Emergency Operations Centers:

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

There are twenty-one shelters open currently: 4 Red Cross Regional Shelters are open in Keene, Concord, Manchester and Rochester. 211 Operator are on standby



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Emergency Information and Public Affairs:

- Citizens encouraged to access information on power outages utilizing the following resources:
 - PSNHnews.com
 - 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.

National Guard stood up the Joint Operations Center (JOC) last night. Reactionary forces are on standby. Vehicles and resources have been pre-positioned at the armories. National Guard continues to support missions as received.

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

7 Guard Personnel are serving in the SEOC overnight

911 Dispatch has received 1,226 calls from 0900-2000 on 2/26/10

Conference Call Saturday, 2/27/10 at 1200 for Local EMDs. Participation number is 1-866-843-0890 or 1-412-317-9250. the entry code is 021172. Speaker number is 1-888-437-2685 or 1-412-317-2500

See attached documents for further info:

<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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