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DESPP / DEMHS WINTER STORM UPDATE - ISSUED DEC 3rd, 2019 at 6:00 AM

STATUS OF THE STATE EOC: ENHANCED MONITORING

A BAND OF VERY HEAVY SNOW OCCURRED OVERNIGHT... FORECAST TO END IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT IN THE NEXT HOUR... STORM TOTAL SNOWFALL OVER A FOOT IN MANY TOWNS... MODERATE IMPACT ON AM RUSH HOUR IN NORTH CENTRAL AND EASTERN CT...

Overnight a band of very heavy snow with snowfall rates around 2"/hour moved slowly from Hartford and New Haven Counties at 9:00 PM to Windham and New London Counties by 4:00 AM. Total snowfall readings are still coming in from the National Weather Service. Bradley Airport is reporting around 18" inches of snow for the storm. Nearly 12" fell in just the past 10 hours.

At 6:00 AM radar showed the band of heavy snow in far eastern CT. Areas of light snow are still occurring in central CT and should be tapering off to flurries the next 90 minutes. DOT cameras are showing that highways in Western and Central CT have been plowed down to pavement. There is still snow cover on highways in eastern CT (e.g. I-395). Secondary roads are still snow covered in many towns in north central and eastern CT. Temperatures currently range from the upper 20's to the low 30's statewide. Eversource and UI are currently reporting 748 outages across the state.

Forecast for Rush Hour This Morning: The band of heavy snow will end before rush hour giving some time for the plows to clear highways and major roads. However local secondary roads in north central and northeastern CT will likely still be snow covered in many towns. Conditions should improve during the rush hour as plows continue to clear secondary roads. A moderate impact is expected across Northern CT especially on secondary roads. A minor impact is expected in southern CT with most roads being primarily wet with some snow/slush and patches of black ice on some roads.

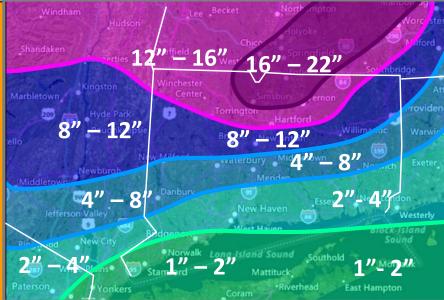
Total snowfall for this storm (readings still coming in) is expected to range from 1" - 2"inches at the coast, 2" - 4" in southern CT, 4" - 8" in central CT, 8" - 12" in the southern Hartford area, 12" – 16" in the northern Hartford area and the NW/NE Hills, and 16" – 22" in North Central CT.

A final update from DESPP / DEMHS containing the final snowfall totals will be sent out at 11:00 AM

FORECAST IMPACTS NEXT 12 HOURS



STORM TOTAL SNOWFALL AMOUNTS



Maximum Hourly Snowfall Rates (Hartford Area)

