



Situational Awareness Bulletin

From the Mayor's Office of Emergency Preparedness



KNOW THE WINTER WEATHER TERMS:

- * **Winter Storm Watch** - is issued when there is the potential for significant and hazardous winter weather within 48 hours. It does not mean that significant and hazardous winter weather will occur... it only means it is possible.
- * **Winter Weather Advisory** - is issued when 2 to 4 inches of snow, alone or in combination with sleet and freezing rain, is expected to cause a significant inconvenience, but not serious enough to warrant a warning.
- * **Winter Storm Warning** - is issued when a significant combination of hazardous winter weather is occurring or imminent.
- * **Blizzard Warning** - is issued when sustained winds or frequent gusts of winds to 35 mph or greater and considerable amounts of falling or blowing snow are expected to prevail for a period of three hours or longer.
- * **Frost/Freeze Warning** - is issued when below freezing temperatures are expected.
- * **Freezing Rain** - rain that freezes when it hits the ground, creating a coating of ice on roads, walkways, trees and power lines.
- * **Sleet** - rain that turns into ice pellets before reaching the ground.
- * **Wind Chill** - the temperature it feels like when you are outside.

WINTER STORM TIPS:

- * Prepare for possible power loss: add warm clothes to emergency kit, check flashlight and radio batteries, charge mobile devices, fill car gas tank, take cash out (ATMs may not work).
- * Only use generators in open areas away from windows/home to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- * Bring pets and animals inside, move livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.

Please contact the Office of Emergency Preparedness at
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