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FIRST MAJOR SNOWFALL OF THE SEASON IMPACTS N.H.

The State Emergency Operations Center Activates in Response to Winter Storm Affecting N.H.

CONCORD, N.H. – The N.H. State Emergency Operations Center in Concord opened at 6:00 am to monitor and support response efforts to the first significant winter storm of the season.

“During the storm, only travel if absolutely necessary,” New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Jennifer Harper said. “If you must travel today, remember to clear snow and ice from your vehicle, slow down, allow extra time, and leave plenty of space between vehicles.”

Highway speeds are reduced to 45 m.p.h. on all major roadways throughout the state. At this time, there are less than 1,000 power outages state-wide and no major roadways are closed.

Harper provides these additional reminders:

- Slow down and move over for emergency vehicles.
- Do not crowd the plows or emergency crews.
- Clear all snow and ice off your car, including your roof, around lights, and license plates before traveling.
- Bridges, overpasses, and exposed road areas are the most prone to icy conditions.
- Visit ReadyNH.gov to learn more preparedness tips to help you and your family stay safe.

Take time now to prepare. Director Harper encourages everyone to plan ahead for disasters. The core steps toward preparedness is (1) make an emergency kit, (2) have a family emergency plan, and (3) stay informed by signing up for NH Alerts. Download templates and instructions for each of these preparedness steps online at ReadyNH.gov

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