



Shelby County Office of Preparedness

Emergency Operations Center Mid-Day Update

January 7, 2010

Hazardous Road Conditions After Morning Snowfall

Snow and dropping temperatures have created hazardous driving conditions in some areas of Memphis and Shelby County. Snow that fell early this morning has led to icing on some streets, especially on bridges and overpasses. All roads, however, are open.

Law enforcement agencies in Shelby County investigated more than 30 traffic crashes during the morning rush hour. Memphis Police investigated 23 and Shelby County Sheriff's Deputies handled 10, mostly involving vehicles that had veered off the road. Minor crashes occurred in Bartlett and other areas of Shelby County.

Memphis and Shelby County Public Works trucks are spreading salt and sand on bridges and major streets.

Homeless people continue to use the downtown warming center at Poplar and Orleans. The heated tent can accommodate about 100 people and has portable restrooms. Red Cross volunteers are handing out snacks and personal care kits to those who visit the center. It will remain open through Monday. Sheriff's Deputies are providing security at the center.

The Memphis Union Mission at 383 Poplar Avenue is taking in homeless men at no charge and homeless women are being housed free at the Salvation Army at 696 Jackson Avenue.

Representatives of city and county bureaus are monitoring weather-related incidents at the Office of Preparedness Emergency Operations Center. The concern now is the wind-chill temperature that may fall to near zero. Citizens need to check often on loved ones, especially those who are elderly, disabled and live alone.

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Shelby County Mayor Joe Ford and City of Memphis Mayor A C Wharton say their division directors are prepared to open shelters should power outages occur.

The Office of Preparedness winter emergency plan involves sixteen areas of interest during a crisis: Transportation, Human Services, Health and Medical, Infrastructure, Information Planning, Resource Support, Urban Search and Rescue, Food, Law Enforcement, Recovery, Communications, Firefighting, Hazardous Materials, Energy, Donated Goods and Care of Animals.

For more information, contact Office of Preparedness Director Bob Nations at the Emergency Operations Center. The number is **(901) 515-2525**.

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The Shelby County Office of Preparedness provides administrative assistance to address the unique planning, equipment, training, and exercise needs of Shelby County and the Memphis, TN Urban Area Security Initiative region. The Office of Preparedness is to assist the partnering jurisdictions in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect, respond to and recover from all-hazards threats. These threats and eventualities can be natural or man-made.

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