



# Shelby County Office of Preparedness

## Emergency Operations Center Morning Update

**January 7, 2010**

### **Winter Weather Moves Into the Memphis and Shelby County Area**

Snow moved into the Memphis and Shelby County area just after 3 a.m. today making driving hazardous on some roads. However, all roads are open.

Memphis and Shelby County Public works trucks continue to treat roadways to help keep the snow from sticking to streets, especially on bridges and overpasses.

About 24 people took advantage of a warming center set up in the downtown area. The center is on a lot owned by Shelby County Government at the corner of Poplar at Orleans. It opened to assist homeless people who are particularly vulnerable during the cold weather. The large tent, which can accommodate 100 people, is heated and Sheriff's Deputies are on duty to provide security. The center will remain open through the first of next week.

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

The staff at the Shelby County Office of Preparedness is in constant contact with the National Weather Service. Representatives of city and county bureaus will continue to monitor any problems caused by the weather.

The 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.

With bitter cold temperatures and possible gusty winds during the next couple of days, citizens need to check often on loved ones, especially those who are elderly, disabled and live alone.

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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.

For more information about services available, contact the Shelby County Office of Preparedness Emergency Operations Center at **(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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