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State OEM Activates Emergency Operations Center

West Trenton, NJ - In response to today's forecasted winter storm, Colonel Rick Fuentes, Director of the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management has elevated the operational status of the N.J. Regional Operations Intelligence Center (ROIC). As of 6:00 a.m. this morning, the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be staffed by troopers and professionals from our partnering agencies including the Department of Transportation, Board of Public Utilities, and others.

EOC staff will monitor key infrastructures and transportation issues, and distribute situation reports to decision makers throughout the storm. The overall public safety response will be coordinated through the ROIC and resources will be deployed according to areas of greatest needs.

Stay connected to your local news outlets, local and county OEM information outlets, and even the State Police Twitter feed (www.twitter.com/njsp) as this storm unfolds. Motorists are encouraged to check for current road conditions at the New Jersey Department of Transportation website: www.NJ511.info.

It never hurts to repeat a few bits of advice for those people considering travel during this hazardous weather event.

Your vehicle's emergency winter survival kit should include:

- Cell phone and car charger
- Warm shoes, gloves, knit hat and clothing
- Windshield scraper
- Shovel
- Booster cables
- Bag of rock salt, sand or non-clumping cat litter
- Bottled water and long-lasting snacks

When heading out:

- Buckle your seat belt before leaving the curb or driveway

- Should fill up the gas tank frequently
- Inform someone where they are going, and when they are expected to return
- Don't over-drive the conditions. You could lose more than the time you hoped to save
- Watch for slick spots. Be physically and mentally prepared to react.

For more information regarding winter safety information or to sign up for the NJOEM Twitter and Facebook pages, please log on to: www.ready.nj.gov. Those without internet access can dial 211. Need a traffic update dial 511.

Want to receive emergency info on your cell phone? Just log on to www.njalert.gov and sign up today!

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