



Shelby County Office of Preparedness

Emergency Operations Center Information Update

January 28, 2010

Winter Storm Preparations Underway

Government leaders in Memphis and Shelby County are prepared for winter weather predicted for the area. Directors of various Memphis City and Shelby County bureaus will gather at the Shelby County Office of Preparedness Emergency Operations Center early tomorrow morning to assess the impact of the predicted snow, sleet and freezing rain.

“It’s vital we prepare for what could be a major winter storm. Based on what forecasters tell us, the snow and ice could remain in our area through Sunday which could greatly affect travel and possibly utility services,” said Bob Nations, Director of the Shelby County Office of Preparedness and the Memphis and Shelby County Emergency Management Agency.

The forecast calls for precipitation to begin between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. with the heaviest to occur between Noon and 6:00 p.m. The precipitation should end before 9:00 p.m. Friday. Forecasters also say there could be a quarter of an inch of ice along with up to six inches of snow.

Bureau managers from Memphis and Shelby County Public Works, the Memphis Police Department, Memphis Fire Department, Shelby County Sheriff’s Office and Memphis Light Gas and Water will be closely monitoring weather conditions.

The public should stay aware of rapidly changing weather conditions throughout the weekend. Office of Preparedness staff will issue routine news updates while the Emergency Operations Center is open.

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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