



Shelby County Office of Preparedness

Emergency Operations Center Morning Update

January 30, 2010

Winter Weather Leads To Overnight Power Outages and Road Closures

The winter weather led to power outages and some road closures last night and early this morning. Representatives from various Memphis and Shelby County public works, law enforcement, fire and medical services manned the Emergency Operations Center overnight.

Utilities

- More than 20,000 MLGW customers lost power for several hours
- At 9:30 a.m. 4,000 customers were still without power

Road Conditions

- Arkansas-I-40 between Little Rock and Memphis-very treacherous
- Tennessee-I-40 east to Nashville-only one lane is open
- Mississippi-I-55 south to Jackson-open but icy in spots
- All main roads in Memphis and Shelby County continue to be treated with salt and sand; back roads are still covered with ice and snow

Traffic Crashes

- Memphis Police and Shelby County Sheriff's dispatchers report many weather-related crashes over night but there were no fatalities or serious injuries. The Interstate 240-40 fly-over was closed for an hour after a 3-vehicle crash
- Sections of Highway 385 between I-240 and Winchester were closed due to ice and several traffic crashes

Emergency Officials Continue to Monitor Cold Weather Conditions

“Although snow has now moved out of the Shelby County area, bitter cold temperatures will exist through Monday morning. Our staff at the Office of Preparedness will monitor weather-related events and respond appropriately,” said Bob Nations, Director of the Shelby County Office of Preparedness HLS/EMA.

This will be the final news release/situation report unless the Emergency Operations Center re-opens.

(End of Release)

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