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Wednesday Clean Up

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As of 2:30 this afternoon, Dane County is still working to clear drifting snow from approximately 2500 lane miles of highway. The main highways are clear while some county roads have one and a half (1 ½) lanes open. Weather conditions will dictate progress in clearing the roadways. County plow operators will be working through Wednesday night to clear the roads. Dane County will continue to monitor conditions.

The National Weather Service is predicting lows below zero into the low double digits tonight with winds out of the west between 5 and 10 mph. These winds will continue to cause drifting conditions across Dane County. Drifting conditions can cause DRASTIC changes in road conditions.

The Dane County Highway Division, the Dane County Sheriff's Office, and local emergency responders coordinated their response to 100+ rescue missions Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. Dane County plow operators continue to provide emergency access and escort services for emergency response vehicles.

Currently there are no known occupied disabled vehicles. Local towing companies are clearing abandoned vehicles as quickly as possible. For questions as to where vehicles have been towed, vehicle owners should contact the local law enforcement agency or the appropriate Dane County Sheriff Precinct.

Citizens are encouraged to check on their neighbors. The severe weather has put a great strain on individuals whether they have been outdoors or not. People with disabilities and / or the elderly are encouraged to contact their usual service provider with any needs they may have (i.e. oxygen, medications, nursing services, etc.).

For further information Joshua Wescott (608 / 669-5606) with the Dane County Executive's Office, Dane County Sheriff David Mahoney, Dane County Highway Commissioner Jerry Mandli, and Emergency Management Interim Director David Janda (608 / 219-9553) are available for interview.

Do not pass snow plows! Passing snow plows place both the snow plow operators and other drivers at risk.

Click here for the latest forecast information from the National Weather Service.

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