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01-07-11 Orange County Storm Report: 01-07-11, 11 a.m.

Emergency Service Center Monitoring

Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana and the Orange County Department of Emergency Services are continuing to closely monitor the winter weather event as advised by the National Weather Service (NWS) in Upton, New York.

“Our Emergency Management staff is maintaining close communication with the National Weather Service and public utilities,” Diana stated. “Our Emergency Operations Center is currently open on a level 4 limited activation status to coordinate assistance to the County’s emergency service agencies and municipalities if necessary.”

Based upon the latest forecast information received directly from the NWS, Orange County residents may experience snowfall accumulation of approximately 5 inches of dry snow throughout the day into Friday night. A Winter Weather Advisory is in effect for Orange County from 4 a.m. today through midnight this evening.

The Orange County Emergency Services Center has logged 61 motor vehicle weather related calls since 6 a.m.

As of this report, Orange & Rockland is reporting 17 customers in the Middletown vicinity with power outages

The Orange County Airport is currently closed to general aviation.

Late Afternoon: Snow. High near 31. South wind around 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. Total daytime snow accumulation of 3 to 5 inches possible.

Tonight: Snow likely, mainly before 10 p.m. Cloudy, with a low around 14. Northwest wind between 6 and 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New snow accumulation of around an inch possible.

Saturday: A chance of snow showers. Cloudy, with a high near 29. West wind between 5 and 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.