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ORANGE COUNTY PREPARES FOR WEEKEND STORM

Residents advised to monitor storm, limit travel

(Goshen, NY) – Orange County Commissioner of Emergency Services Walter C. Koury and Orange County Emergency Manager Seamus K. Leary participated in a conference call briefing earlier today by the National Weather Service located in Upton, NY regarding the potential for a significant snow event tomorrow in our region.

“Currently, Orange County is under a winter storm watch meaning that there exists a potential for significant accumulations impacting travel,” said Commissioner Koury. “Motorists should take extra precautions tomorrow and should consider limiting unnecessary travel.”

According to the National Weather Service, tomorrow morning will begin with rain in Orange County and may change to snow. This will be heavy wet snow that will stick to trees and utility lines. In addition, winds may range from 20-30 mph, with gusts up to 45mph.

“The County’s Emergency Operations Center is now open on a limited basis, with a full activation planned for Saturday morning, meaning representatives from Orange County, New York State, and area utility companies are scheduled to report into the Emergency Services Center in Goshen to monitor the incident and be on hand to help County residents and local municipalities,” said Deputy Commissioner Leary.

The Division of Emergency Management offers residents the following advice on keeping safe:

- Only healthy individuals should shovel heavy, wet snow
- Don’t drive if not necessary
- Always run generators outside (not the garage)
- Hunters should take extra safety precautions
- Stay tuned to the National Weather Service for updates
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov>

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For detailed information on winter preparedness please visit the New York State Office of Emergency Management at <http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/oem>.