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ORANGE COUNTY FALL SNOW STORM UPDATE 4 PM

(Goshen, NY) – Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana activated the County’s Emergency Operations Center at the Department of Emergency Services Center in Goshen this morning at 9:00 am in anticipation of today’s fall snowstorm forecasted for our region.



“The roads are already treacherous and numerous motor vehicle accidents are being reported around the County,” said Orange County Commissioner of Emergency Services Walter C. Koury. “Please limit unnecessary travel whenever possible today, especially as the day progresses.”

“We are expecting downed trees as the wet snow weighs them down, taking down power lines,” said Orange County’s Emergency Manager Seamus K. Leary. “Prepare for power outages by gathering supplies such as flashlights, storing water and charging up cell phones. Remember to run generators outside, never inside or in a garage.”

Utilities in Orange County are reporting that approximately 5,000 residents are currently without power. To report a power outage, Central Hudson Gas & Electric customers may call 1-800-527-2714, while Orange and Rockland customers may call 1-877-434-4100.

Orange County Commissioner of Health Dr. Jean Hudson said, “Unless someone is in good physical shape, they should refrain from shoveling heavy wet snow as this may pose a serious health risk.”

“DPW crews, as of 2:45 pm, began plowing and salting/sanding County roads as needed,” said Orange County Commissioner of Public Works Charles E. Lee, P.E.

According to the National Weather Service, a Winter Storm Warning continues to remain in effect until 2 am EDT Sunday. This means that significant amounts of snow and strong winds are expected. Orange County may receive 10 to 14 inches of heavy snow along with 10 – 20 mph winds with gusts up to 35 mph as visibility remains one quarter mile or less at times.

Stay tuned to the National Weather Service for updates <http://www.nws.noaa.gov>

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