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Subject: UPDATE 2: Winter storm

Sir - here is the latest. Don't expect a need for you to make any calls today but will keep you posted.

BLUF: A significant nor'easter continues to bring blizzard conditions and heavy snowfall to the Northeast. Snowfall rates of one inch per hour are expected. In the heavier snowbands, some locations may see 2-4 inches per hour with the snowfall ending tonight. Large snow drifts and blowing snow are causing low visibility and white out conditions making roads extremely difficult to clear. The excessive amounts snow is causing downed tree limbs and power lines, creating power outages, and the weight of the snow could compromise weak roofs. One storm related fatality is being reported in Connecticut. As of 7:30 AM EST, the Department of Energy reported approximately 649,774 customers without power across Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Rhode Island (400,000 of those outages are in Massachusetts). Connecticut has raised concerns about its snow removal capability, and FEMA is working with them to use mutual assistance agreements with other states.

Weather Warnings:

- Blizzard Warnings are in effect for Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, northern New Jersey and New York as winds of 30-40 mph with gusts up to 65 mph are possible in addition to heavy snow.
- Hurricane Force Wind Warnings are in effect for the offshore areas from New Jersey to Massachusetts where winds of 45-60 mph with gusts to 75 mph are possible through tonight; seas may reach 32-37 feet.
- Storm Warnings are in effect from New Jersey to Maine where strong winds and high seas may bring moderate to local major coastal flooding, especially with the high tide this morning.
- The snow is forecast to end this evening, with strong winds and cold temperatures continuing overnight.

Total Snowfall Forecast Amounts:

Northern New York, Vermont, and New Hampshire: 8-18 inches
Eastern New Hampshire and Maine: 14-25 inches
Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island: 18-24 inches (locally higher amounts possible)
Northern New Jersey and southern New York: 12-24 inches
Northeast Pennsylvania: 6-12 inches

FEMA RESPONSE:

- The National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) will activate to level II (Partial Activation with select Emergency Support Functions) at 10:00 AM today.
- The Region I Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) is activated at level II (Partial Activation with select Emergency Support Functions); Region II RRCC is activated at level III (Partial Activation).
- National IMAT-White is deployed to the Connecticut Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- Region II IMAT remains deployed to New York for Hurricane Sandy Recovery and will support Winter Storm activities, as needed.
- Joint Field Offices (JFOs) are operational in Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, and New Jersey; Connecticut and Rhode Island JFOs deployed teams to the state EOCs.
- FEMA State Liaisons are in place in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.
- An Incident Support Base (ISB) team is deployed to Cumberland, Maryland and is on standby for potential forward deployment to Region I, as needed.

- Commodities in food banks are immediately accessible.
- FEMA Generators are at 97% availability (605/624) with generators deployed from Frederick, Maryland staged in New Jersey and ready to deploy to Region I.
- Power Restoration Teams (PRT) are deployed in New York and New Jersey with another staging in Pittsburgh for later deployment to Region I if requested.