



MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY SITUATIONAL AWARENESS STATEMENT

DATE: January 28, 2015

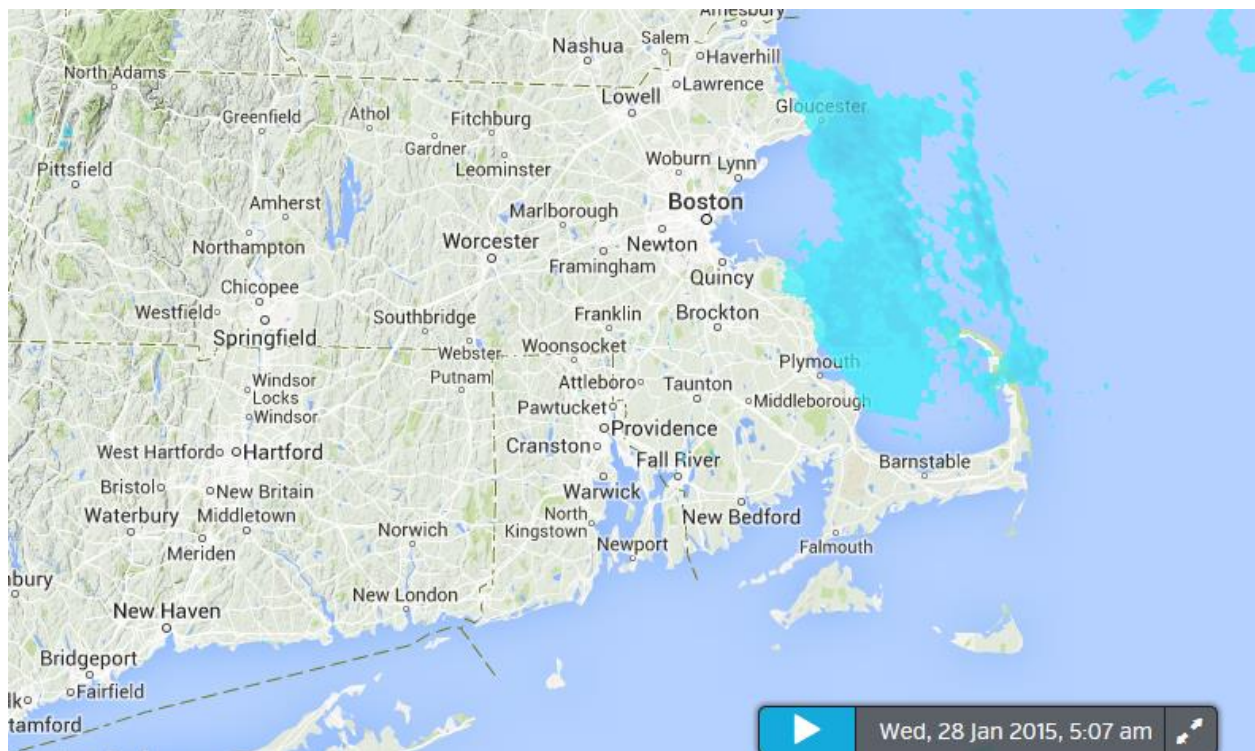
TIME: 5:15 AM

SUBJECT: Major Winter Storm/Blizzard Impacting the State

WEATHER:

- A Coastal Flood Advisory is in effect until 7 AM for the Massachusetts east coast south of Boston including the north/northeast facing shores of Cape Cod and Nantucket. There could be pockets of minor coastal flooding at high tide as a result of trapped water from prior high tides and from splashover.
- Frigid temperatures are expected tonight due to clear skies, light winds, and the fresh snow cover. Actual temperatures will be 0 to -7 degrees in northwest, north central, and interior northeast Massachusetts with 0 to 10 above elsewhere.
- On Friday a Clipper-type storm is expected to move quickly across New England then rapidly deepen over the Gulf of Maine. Initial forecasting is for 2-4 inches of additional snow in some areas of the Commonwealth.

Current Radar Image:



MEMA OPERATIONS:

The State Emergency Operations Center transitioned to a Level 2 (Partial Activation) at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday. The following ESFs present are present at the SEOC as of 5 AM this morning:

- ESF 1 – Transportation
- ESF 3 – Public Works
- ESF 6- Sheltering
- ESF 8 – Health and Medical
- ESF 12 – Energy
- ESF 13 – Public Safety and Security
- ESF 16 – National Guard

MEMA Regional EOCs in Tewksbury, Bridgewater, and Agawam have closed.

As of 5:00 AM MEMA has a total of 17 active missions primarily supporting snow clearance operations in Southeastern parts of the State and on Cape Cod. MEMA continues to coordinate shelter volunteers with the Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Council (REPC).

Mass 211 has taken a total of 2,039 storm related calls since 4:30 pm on Monday.

COMMUNITY STATUS:

A total of 115 cities and towns have declared local states of emergency and 78 have activated their local emergency operations centers Over the course of this evening a number of communities have demobilized their EOCs.

SHELTER STATUS:

A total of 28 shelters are currently open.

- 16 – Independent/Locally Operated managed shelters
- 9 - Locally-Operated/Red Cross Supported
- 3 - Red Cross Managed
- Total Shelter Population: 430

TRANSPORTATION STATUS:






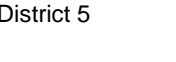
Overview



General Information

- As of 1600 on 1/26/2015, the MEMA SEOC was stood up to Level 3 (Full Activation) and the ESF1 Desk has been staffed for this event.
- Travel ban lifted statewide as of midnight (00:00 1/28/2015).
- Highway Districts 3, 4, 5 and 6 continue Snow and Ice Operations.
- MBTA will resume regular service on most modes Wednesday, January 28, 2015.
- Multiple RTAs have suspended or modified service for Wednesday, January 28, 2015.
- Non-emergency state employees working in Executive Branch agencies should not report to their workplace on Wednesday, January 28, 2015.
- No HOV lane (Braintree/Boston) for Wednesday AM commute (1/28/15)

Highways

District Conditions and Impacts

District	Comments
Overall/HOC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Districts 3, 4, 5 and 6 continue in snow and ice operations. • Due to the storm the HOV lane will be closed for the morning commute. • No major issues to report at this time. • Statewide Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2235 Pieces of equipment. ○ 595 MassDOT employees.
District 1 (Lenox) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean-up Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 7 Pieces of hired equipment. ○ 1 MassDOT pieces of equipment. ○ 5 MassDOT employees. • Max. Snow Amounts reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1A – 7.60 inches ○ 1B – 7.75 inches ○ 1C – 7 inches ○ 1D – 6.25 inches
District 2 (Northampton) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean-up Operations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 27 pieces of hired equipment ○ 17 MassDOT pieces of equipment. ○ 34 MassDOT employees. • Max. Snow Amounts reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2A – 19.25 inches ○ 2B – 10 inches ○ 2C – 14 inches
District 3 (Worcester) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting cloudy skies. Areas 3A and 3B light snow. Roadways are wet, and slush covered. The district is chemically treating and plowing the roads. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 272 Pieces of hired equipment. ○ 47 MassDOT pieces of equipment. ○ 155 MassDOT employees • Max. Snow Amounts reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3A – 34.25 inches ○ 3B – 31.75 inches ○ 3C – 31 inches
District 4 (Arlington) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting light snow. Roadways are slush and snow covered. The district is chemically treating and plowing the roads. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 720 Pieces of hired equipment. ○ 26 MassDOT pieces of equipment. ○ 137 MassDOT employees. • Max. Snow Amounts reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4A – 36.25 inches ○ 4B – 33.50 inches ○ 4C - 36 inches
District 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting cloudy skies with light snow. Roadways are wet, slush and snow covered. The district is chemically treating and plowing the roads. District is

<p>(Taunton)</p> 	<p>beginning clean-up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 785 Pieces of hired equipment. ○ 24 MassDOT pieces of equipment. ○ 128 MassDOT employees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Max. Snow Amounts reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5A - 34 inches ○ 5B – 37.50 inches ○ 5C- 25 inches ○ 5D – 27.10 inches ○ 5E - 20 inches ● Fuel status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Middleboro CNG remains down and unavailable.
<p>District 6 (Boston)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reporting light snow. Roadways wet and snow covered. The district is chemically treating and plowing the roads. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 256 Pieces of hired equipment. ○ 53 MassDOT pieces of equipment. ○ 136 MassDOT employees ● Max. Snow Amounts reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6A – 33.25 inches ○ 6B – 36.25 inches ○ 6C – 38 inches ○ 6D – 28 inches

Transit

General Conditions and Impacts

MBTA will resume regular service on most modes Wednesday, January 28, 2015.

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Amtrak will be operating limited service on Wednesday, January 28, 2015.

Steamship Authority will operate ferry service Wednesday (1/28/2015) on a trip by trip basis for Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

Service Conditions	
Mode/Line	Status
MBTA	
— Blue Line	Regular service will resume at the start of Wednesday, January 28, 2015.
— Orange Line	Regular service will resume at the start of Wednesday, January 28, 2015.
— Red Line	Buses are replacing Mattapan Trolley service between Ashmont and Mattapan stations from start to end of service Wednesday, January 28, 2015.. All other regular Redline service will resume at the start of Wednesday, January 28, 2015.
— Green Line	Regular service will resume at the start of Wednesday, January 28, 2015.
— Silver Line	Regular service will resume at the start of Wednesday, January 28, 2015.
— Bus	All bus snow routes will be in effect.
— Commuter Rail	Regular service will resume at the start of Wednesday, January 28, 2015.

— Commuter Boat	Regular service will resume at the start of Wednesday, January 28, 2015.
— The RIDE	Regular service will resume at the start of Wednesday, January 28, 2015.
REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITIES	
Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)	Service will resume on select routes on snow schedules for Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 10:00AM. Some routes will still have service suspensions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No service to Boston on Wednesday, January 28, 2015
Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA)	Fixed route and paratransit service shall resume (Wednesday, January 28, 2015). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some routes may see service delays due to overnight road conditions.
Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA)	Service suspended for Wednesday, January 28, 2015 with the exception of HMI (methadone treatment clinic) and dialysis centers.
Lowell Regional Transit Authority	Running regular fixed route service and emergency medical transportation paratransit service as of 28 Jan
Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (MVRTA)	Resume regular service and hours on the following services on Wednesday, January 28, 2015: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed Route • Boston Commuter Service • E-Z Trans • Ring/Ride • Ring/Ride Rt 28 • Boston/Peabody Medi-ride
Montachusett Regional Transit Authority (MRTA)	Service will resume Wednesday, January 28, 2015.
Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVRTA)	Service will resume Wednesday, January 28, 2015. College services will operate if the colleges are open.
South East Regional Transit Authorities (SERTA)	Email server is in inoperable. Utilize for phone for contact.
Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA)	Cancellation of other transit service will be made based on weather conditions
OTHER SERVICES	
Amtrak	Amtrak will be operating limited service on Wednesday 01/28/15.
Boston Express	Wednesday, January 28, 2015 service decisions will be made based on weather conditions
Concord Coach Lines	January 28, 2015 the following service is cancelled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Berlin 7:40am, Gorham 7:50am, Pinkham Notch 8:07am, Jackson 8:20am, North Conway 8:30am, Conway 8:45am, West Ossipee 9:10am, Center Harbor 9:37am, Meredith 9:45am to Boston South Station and Logan Airport. • Littleton 6:50am, Franconia 7:00am, Lincoln 7:25am, Plymouth 8:00am, Tilton Jct 8:25am to Boston South Station and Logan Airport. • All other January 28 service will resume and run according to normal schedule.
Greyhound	Significant cancellations in service to/from Boston. Check website for canceled routes.
Logan Express	Logan Express Service will resume Wednesday (1/28/15) with regular weekday service: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:00AM for Braintree, Framingham and Woburn. • Peabody will begin at 3:15AM.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back Bay will begin at 5:00AM.
Plymouth & Brockton Street Railway Co.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service for Wednesday - January 28, 2015 is cancelled. If conditions improve considerably, will reassess the situation.
Peter Pan Bus Lines	Peter Pan will resume the majority of its service on 28 Jan. Check website for canceled routes.
Steamship Authority	All ferry service will operate today on a trip by trip basis for Martha's Vineyard & Nantucket.

Aviation/Marine/Facilities

Aviation

Facility	Location	Status
Boston Logan Int'l Airport	Boston	Airport open, no flights operating until 06:00 Wednesday, January 28..
Hanscom Field	Bedford	Airport closed, Opening target of Wednesday, January 28, 2015
Worcester Regional Airport	Worcester	Airport closed
Public Use Airports (Unless Noted)	Multiple	<p>All public use airports are closed with the exception for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myricks Airfield (ski aircraft only) • Pittsfield Municipal Airport • Plum Island Airport (Ski aircraft only) • Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport

Marine

Facility	Location	Status
Conley Terminal	Boston	Port open with minimum staffing
Cruiseport Boston	Boston	Parking ban in effect

Facilities

Facility	Status
RMV Branches (Unless Noted)	No Impacts Reported
RMV HQ	No Impacts Reported
All Other Office Buildings	No Impacts Reported

UTILITIES STATUS:

Customer Outage Numbers as of 5:00 AM:

NSTAR: 7,035

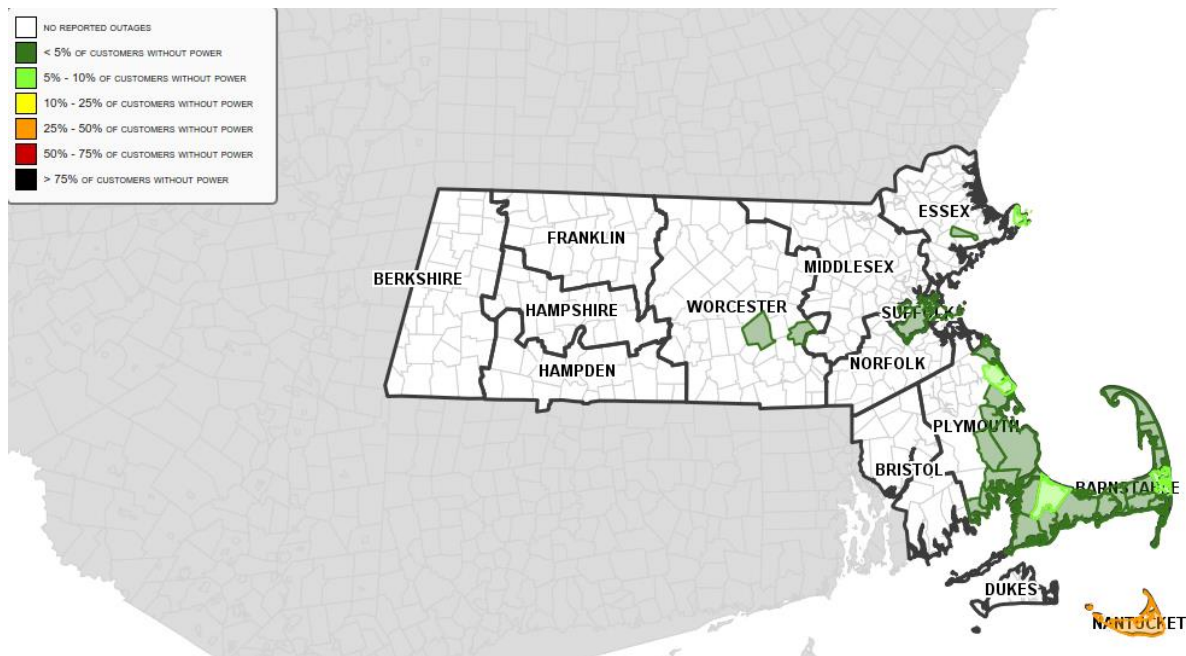
National Grid: 4,985

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Total: 12,020

Power Outage Map as of 5:00 AM



INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS:

Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA)

All MWRA facilities are operational and staffed. MWRA reports no power outages, however back up power is being used at Deer Island as a precautionary measure. Staff continue with snow and ice removal.

PUBLIC SAFETY STATUS:

Massachusetts State Police

Central and Western Troops report conditions consistent since last night. Metro-Boston area continues to experience flurries. H Troop (Metro Boston) is preparing to assist DCR in closure of Morrissey Boulevard between Freeport Street and UMass Boston due to flooding (tide) if needed.

MassDOT and DCR continue treatment and removal of snow. Most roadways reported down to bare pavement but in need of additional snow removal and additional widening of travel lanes.

STAY INFORMED

For additional information and updated forecasts, see www.weather.gov/boston (National Weather Service Taunton) and www.weather.gov/albany (National Weather Service Albany)

Utilize *Massachusetts Alerts* to receive emergency notifications and information from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and the National Weather Service. *Massachusetts Alerts* is a free app that is available for Android and iPhones. To learn more about *Massachusetts Alerts*, and for information on how to download the free app onto your smartphone, visit: www.mass.gov/mema/mobileapp.

Utilize MEMA's real-time power outage viewer to stay informed about current power outages in your community and region, and across the state, including information from utility companies about restoration times: <http://mema.mapsonline.net/public.html>

Online Resources:

For additional information and resources, visit:

Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency at www.mass.gov/mema

MEMA's Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/MassachusettsEMA>

MEMA Twitter: [@MassEMA](https://twitter.com/MassEMA)

Federal Emergency Management Agency at www.fema.gov

National Weather Service/Taunton at www.weather.gov/boston

National Weather Service/Albany, NY at www.weather.gov/albany

National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center: <http://www.hpc.ncep.noaa.gov/>

National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center: <http://www.spc.noaa.gov/>

Northeast River Forecast Center: <http://www.weather.gov/nerfc/>

Mass211 at www.mass211.org