Operational Posture

NCNG Force Packages totaling 143 personnel and 58 vehicles to be staged for use in the Western and Central Branch. The focus is on command and control, all-hazards response teams, and armory support packages.

Liaisons from Office of EMS, State Highway Patrol, Office of State Fire Marshal to be deployed to Regional Coordination Centers Central and West at 0900, 8 December 2018.

State Highway Patrol has issued abandoned vehicle and stranded motorist policy.

Department of Transportation continuing road-brining operations and monitoring three major potential hot spots: Saluda grade/I-26, Turner Grade/I-77, Gateway to the Mountains/I-40. Task forces of NCNG Maintenance Team, SHP, and DOT will begin staging at locations beginning 8 December 2018.

Winter Weather Forecast (Saturday through Monday)

- High confidence remains that a high impact, winter storm with significant snow/ice accumulations will affect North Carolina this weekend.
- The Mountains and areas along and NW of I-85 will see the greatest impacts with largest accumulations.
  - West
    - 8-18” of snow accumulations for the Mountains and Foothills
    - 6-12” of snow accumulations for the Charlotte Metro
  - Central
    - 6-12” of snow accumulations for the Triad Region
    - 2-6” of snow accumulations for the Triangle
    - <1” of snow accumulations south and east of the Triangle
    - Up to 0.25” of ice accumulations possible along the I-85 corridor
  - Up to 1.5 - 4” of rain is expected east of I-95
  - Minor to moderate Coastal flooding (1-3’) is possible Sunday into Monday along ocean-side Outer Banks, Downeast Carteret County, Western Pamlico Sound (and adjacent Rivers)
  - Beach erosion and dangerous seas are expected
  - Statewide gusts between 25mph and 35mph are expected
    - Downed limbs, trees, and power lines are anticipated with prolonged power outages possible.
  - Heavy snow and mixed precipitation will lead to dangerous road conditions through early next week. Roads may be impassable at times.
  - The heaviest precipitation is expected late Saturday and Sunday
  - Additional snow accumulations are possible Monday

Current Watches/Warnings/Advisories:
- **Winter Storm Warning**: In effect beginning 1900 Saturday through Monday for portions of the Mountains.
- **Winter Storm Watch**: In effect beginning 1900 Saturday through Monday for Western NC and most of the Piedmont.

### NC Emergency Management Regions

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