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## **Winter Storm Update #11** *New Information Highlighted*

***The citizen information center (850) 983- INFO (4636) will remain open until its closure is announced***

### **Weather Conditions**

- **A hard freeze warning is no longer in effect.**

### **Road/Bridge Closures**

- Navarre Beach Causeway (SR 399 Bridge between Navarre and Navarre Beach) is open with hazards
- U.S. 90 is open with hazards between Escambia and Santa Rosa County.
- Garcon Point bridge tolls are lifted until 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 30.
- The Yellow River Bridge is open with hazards.
- SR-87 is open with hazards.
- The following roads and bridges are closed until further notice:
  - All Gulf Breeze bridges (except Garcon Point)
  - I-10 between Mile Marker 1 and Madison County
  - U.S. 98 / Pensacola Bay Bridge / Three-Mile Bridge

### **Road Conditions**

Santa Rosa County Emergency Management Officials are asking everyone to use roads with caution today. Many roads are passable, and as the day goes on there will be more melting on frozen roads, drive with caution and remember you are not alone on the roads.

- Ice on roadways will continue to be a safety issue until thawing occurs. There are still icy patches on numerous roadways, especially in shaded areas.
- Public works crews will continue limb removal on major roads Thursday, Jan. 30.
- Public Works crews are assessing roadway and bridge conditions. **Even after bridges are sanded, that the roads leading to and from the bridge will remain frozen. Sanding a bridge does not make the roadway safe.**
- The following bridges and roadways were sanded on Thursday, Jan 30:
  - Ward Basin Road overpass at I-10
  - Penton Road
  - Walling Road
  - Hwy. 164
  - Hwy. 178
  - Morristown Road
- The following bridges were sanded on Wednesday, Jan. 29, and will be re-sanded as needed on Thursday, Jan 30:
  - Quintette Road bridge over Escambia River
  - Langley Street bridge at the west gate of Whiting Field
  - Navarre Beach Causeway bridges
  - East Bay Boulevard bridge over Tom King Bayou
  - Three Henry Street bridges between Milton and Bagdad
  - Two Robinson Road bridges

- Four Munson Hwy bridges between Milton and the Alabama state line
- The Miller Bluff Road overpass in Harold
- The Ashley Plantation subdivision bridge on Alderbrook Blvd. near Quintette Road
- Hamilton Bridge Road bridge over Pond Creek
- Berryhill Road bridge over Pond Creek
- Willard Norris Road bridge over Pond Creek
- Response times for public safety agencies will be delayed due to the frigid weather conditions. Not only do they have increased call volumes they must drive in the same deteriorated road conditions present throughout the county. They must also use extreme caution on the scene as ground conditions can cause fall injuries to responders.

### **Closures/Cancellations**

- Santa Rosa County Schools are closed for Thursday, Jan. 30. School is scheduled to reopen on Friday, Jan. 31. Santa Rosa County School after-school activities are permitted for Thursday, Jan. 30.
- Santa Rosa County offices, the library system, the Jay Transfer Facility and the Central Landfill will remain closed Thursday, Jan. 30.
- The Navarre Beach Fishing Pier reopens at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 30.
- Santa Rosa County's Community Transportation Coordinator, Pensacola Bay Transportation will be closed on Thursday, Jan. 30. No paratransit service will be provided. For additional information clients are asked to contact Pensacola Bay Transportation at (850) 476-8130.
- Courts in Santa Rosa County are closed Thursday, Jan. 30.
- Santa Rosa Circuit Court:
  - Thursday Detention and Shelter hearings will be conducted in Escambia County by the Escambia County duty judge.
  - Tuesday Delinquency trials have been rescheduled to Friday, January 31, 2014.
  - Wednesday's Domestic Violence Injunctions have been rescheduled to Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014.
  - Judge Hilliard will be conducting 1st appearances at the jail on Thursday, January 30th, at 9 a.m.
  - Individuals that may have hearings not included in the rescheduled listings above should call their attorney or their respective Clerk of Court for further information.
- Santa Rosa County Health Department is closed Thursday, Jan. 30.
- The University of Florida is closed Thursday, Jan. 30. Normal operations will be resumed Friday, Jan. 31. All Pensacola State College campuses and centers will remain closed on Thursday, Jan. 30. The College will resume normal operational hours on Friday, Jan. 31.
- Staffing at The City of Gulf Breeze City Hall will be dependent on road conditions so normal services may not be available. Critical information will be posted to the city website if possible. Please use online payment or toll free 24 hour automated payment (855-246-7331) system for utility bills.
- The Friends of the Navarre Library book sale scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 30 and Friday, Jan. 31 is canceled.
- Allied Waste/ Republic Services' Thursday customers will be serviced on Friday, Jan. 31 and Friday's will be serviced on Saturday, Feb. 1. In the City of Gulf Breeze, Thursday's customers will be serviced on Friday, Jan. 31 and the recycling customers scheduled for this Friday will be serviced on Saturday. Yard waste will be picked up on Saturday, Feb. 1.
- Baptist Health Care:
  - Baptist Medical Park-Nine Mile - reopens 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 30.
  - Gulf Breeze Hospital - all elective procedures and appointments for outpatient care on Thursday, Jan. 29 are being rescheduled for noon and later in the day.
  - Physician Offices - All Baptist Medical Group offices will be open by 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 30. , Cardiology Consultant offices will be open by 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 30, Andrews Institute physician offices will be open by 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 30. Please contact your physician's office directly to verify or schedule appointments.
  - Inpatient care is fully operational at all Baptist Health Care hospitals (Baptist, Gulf Breeze, Atmore Community and Jay hospitals). Emergency departments are open at all four facilities.

### **Cold Weather Shelters**

- If the temperature cannot be maintained at your home, make temporary arrangements to stay elsewhere, including with friends and family.
- Two cold weather shelters for the homeless and those who are not able to maintain heat in their homes are available:

- Ferris Hill Baptist Church located at 6848 Chaffin Street in Milton will remain open continuously until 7 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30.
- Community of Christ Church located at 2111 Presidio Street in Navarre remains open for the homeless.
- Shelters are for people who are homeless or heatless, can care for themselves, and are not at risk to themselves or others. No one will be admitted to the shelter that is under the influence of drugs or alcohol and are unable to walk unaided or are disoriented.

### Property Damage

- There has been one confirmed house fire resulting in displacement.
- One tree has fallen on a home in East Milton. The county will assess damages.

### Emergency Services

- There were 102, 9-1-1 responses in the 24 hour period ending at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29.
- There have been more than 80 Citizens Information Center calls in the 24 hour period ending at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29.
- There is one confirmed fatality from a 7 p.m. accident on Tuesday, Jan. 28 from I-10 into the Blackwater River.
  - A fuel sheen fell into the river from the bridge and a person has been removed from the submerged vehicle. On-scene units included East Milton Volunteer Fire Department, Bagdad Volunteer Fire Department, Lifeguard Ambulance, Santa Rosa County Sherriff's Office, Florida Highway Patrol, and Department of Transportation. Three patients were transported to Santa Rosa Medical Center. The divers are out and the search mission has been called off.
  - While removing the 18-wheeler part of the cargo went into the river with other debris, if they are located citizens are asked to call the Santa Rosa County 9-1-1 center at (850) 983-5372. The main content was drums of vinegar.

### Power Outages

- Santa Rosa County residents who cannot maintain heat due to power outages or any other reasons are encouraged to call the Citizens Information Center at (850) 983- INFO (4636).
- Gulf Power continues to receive and resolve power outage issues.
- Please do not call 9-1-1 to report power outages. Power outages should be reported to Gulf Power at 1-800-GU-Power (1-800-487-6937) or Escambia River Cooperative, Inc. at 1-877-OUT-EREC (1-877-688-3732).
- Never touch a fallen power line, and assume all wires on the ground are electrically charged.

### Cold Weather Safety

- Citizens are urged to remember the five P's of cold weather:
  - **Protect People:** Remember to dress in layers and wear a hat and gloves. It is important to try to stay out of the wind and to stay dry. Also, remember to check on young children and the elderly family and neighbors who are the most sensitive to cold weather. If the temperature cannot be maintained at a home, make temporary arrangements to stay elsewhere, including with friends and family or at one of the cold weather shelters.
  - **Protect Pets:** If cold weather is in the forecast, be sure to bring outdoor pets inside or give them a warm shelter to stay in.
  - **Protect Plants:** Cover cold sensitive plants to protect them from the dangerous temperatures.
  - **Protect Pipes:** Cover pipes and allow outdoor faucets to slowly drip to prevent from freezing and breaking.
  - **Practice Fire Safety:** Use safe heating sources indoors. Do not use fuel-burning devices such as grills; they release carbon monoxide, which is a deadly gas. Also, make sure to use space heaters according to their instructions and be attentive to open flames. In the event of long-term power outages, be extremely careful when using generators, lanterns, gas powered appliances or when cooking on charcoal grills or gas grills. These appliances produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide which is a deadly, invisible and odorless gas that can cause poisoning in only a matter of minutes. Equipment or appliances that produce carbon monoxide should never be used indoors. Opening doors and windows or using fans will not stop carbon monoxide build-up.

### General Safety Information

- Visit [www.santarosa.fl.gov](http://www.santarosa.fl.gov) or follow us on Twitter at @SRCBOCC
- Please monitor your home weather radio and local media outlets for the most up-to-date information.
- Your best defense in any disaster is a NOAA Weather radio.
- Citizens can sign up to automatically receive breaking news alerts from Santa Rosa County Emergency Management via e-mail or as a text message on their cell phone at:  
[www.santarosa.fl.gov/emergency/publicwarning.html](http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/emergency/publicwarning.html).
- Santa Rosa County Division of Emergency Management's latest all-hazards disaster guide is now available online at [www.santarosa.fl.gov/news/factsheet/2013%20Disaster%20Guide.pdf](http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/news/factsheet/2013%20Disaster%20Guide.pdf) or at county offices and libraries, local chambers of commerce, and local retailers
- The Florida Department of Transportation has opened a call center to assist motorists in Northwest Florida. Drivers should dial toll-free 888-638-0250 and ask for extension 1199 or dial direct to (850) 330-1199. The center is operational 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30. Several roads and bridges on the state highway system in Northwest Florida remain closed, including nearly 200 miles of Interstate 10 (I-10). Drivers may call Florida 511 from their mobile phones.

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