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Alabama EMA prepares for the potential threat of severe winter weather

CLANTON- The Alabama Emergency Management Agency is closely monitoring the potential for snow and freezing rain this weekend. With the threat for severe weather, residents need to ensure they have their family emergency kits stocked, stay aware of changing road conditions and informed of the local forecast.

According to the Birmingham office of the National Weather Service, some Alabama counties have the potential for snow accumulation with other counties experiencing a dusting and the potential of ice. The wintry precipitation could start as early as Sunday and last through Monday night.

“It is really important for Alabama residents to take this threat of severe weather serious, freezing weather over an extended period of time has the potential to cause power outages and an interruption in communication services,” said Alabama EMA Director Brock Long.

For the latest listing of state roads closed due to severe weather, visit the Alabama Department of Transportation <http://aldotgis.dot.state.al.us/RoadClosures/Default.aspx/>

The Alabama Emergency Management Agency will activate its Emergency Operating Center at level 3, starting tomorrow (January 8, 2011).

More information on being ready for winter weather is available at www.ema.alabama.gov. Forecast information is also available online by going to www.weather.gov and clicking on your area.

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