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KASICH, AGENCIES URGE CITIZENS TO PREPARE FOR WINTER STORM

COLUMBUS – Gov. John Kasich has directed the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to work closely to monitor and assess the winter storm expected to hit Ohio Monday night through Wednesday.

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency (a division of ODPS) and ODOT continue to work with the National Weather Service to ascertain the severity of the storm and the impact it will have on Ohioans. All of Ohio's 88 counties have been notified of the potential impact this storm may bring to their communities.

ODOT hosted a weather briefing earlier Monday with the National Weather Service to update all ODOT employees involved with snow removal and local partners (such as county engineers). The briefing included storm tracking, predicted severity, estimated duration and the type of storm anticipated. All 3,000 ODOT snowplow drivers are currently scheduled for 12 hour shifts for the duration of the storm, and additional workers are on stand-by to help clear any downed tree limbs blocking roadways.

Ohioans are encouraged to be prepared as the storm approaches. A few items to have available include additional blankets, flashlights with batteries, non-perishable food and a battery-powered radio. The Ohio Highway Patrol is urging motorists to make safety their first priority while driving in inclement weather. Individuals should give themselves enough time to travel.

Motorists in need of assistance should call 1-877-7-PATROL. Up-to-the-minute road conditions are available by logging onto the ODOT's website, www.buckeyetraffic.org.

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