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Winter Weather-Flash Flooding

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Evening Update

8:45 p.m.

The Winter Storm Warning issued for Shelby County has been cancelled tonight by the National Weather Service. However, temperatures are expected to fall below freezing, which could cause problems during rush-hour traffic.

"The cold temperature and wet streets will likely lead to icing on bridges and overpasses. Motorists need to use extreme caution, especially on roads prone to icing such as the 385 loop," said Bob Nations, Director of the Shelby County Office of Preparedness.

A Shelby County Sheriff's Office Patrol cruiser was damaged after an ice-covered tree limb fell on the vehicle that was parked along Benjestown Road near Northaven in north Shelby County. Fortunately, the deputy was not injured. She was outside the vehicle when the limb broke.

Shelby County Public Works crews cleared 16 trees and limbs that blocked roads in the Brunswick and Shelby Forest areas. **"Shelby County Public Works crews are also prepared to spread salt and sand tonight and early tomorrow if needed,"** said Shelby County Public Works Director Tom Needham.

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The Emergency Operations Center at the Shelby County Office of Preparedness was opened for a couple of hours as sleet moved through the area. Representatives from law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, public works and Memphis Light, Gas and Water tracked problems caused by the weather.

“Luckily, we had only a few issues of concern. However, the National Weather Service tells us we’ll continue to have potential for more freezing rain and possible snow through the weekend. Everyone needs to stay alert to the changing weather conditions,” added Director Nations.

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness will continue to monitor weather and road conditions at the emergency operations center throughout the night. Shelby County Sheriff’s Deputies will also report road conditions as they patrol areas throughout the county.

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