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**Emergency Planners on High Alert for Winter Weather**

Emergency services coordinators throughout Shelby County will be stationed at the Shelby County Office of Preparedness Emergency Operations Center in east Memphis this evening as sleet, freezing rain and snow move into the area.

**“We’ll have representatives from Memphis Light, Gas and Water, public works, law enforcement, fire and the health department tracking weather-related concerns,”** said Dale Lane, Director of the Shelby County Office of Preparedness.

Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr., City of Memphis Mayor A C Wharton, Jr. and the other mayors throughout Shelby County will receive regular updates about the weather by staff at the Shelby County Office of Preparedness.

**“I will sign an emergency declaration later today that allows for special purchases related to the winter storm event if needed,”** said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

The temperature continues to drop. Rain will change to freezing rain then to sleet and snow later tonight and tomorrow.

Additionally, the wind will gust between 30-40 mph. **“That could bring down utility lines and snap tree limbs. Our concern would be possible power outages, impassable roads and stranded motorists,”** added Director Lane.

Bitter cold temperatures will continue through Saturday. Tomorrow night’s low could be in the single digits. People need to keep a close watch on those who live alone, especially the elderly and disabled.

The City of Memphis will open a warming center tonight at 7 o’clock at the Orange Mound Community Center, 2572 Park Avenue. It will be open from 7 p.m. - 7 a.m. through Saturday morning.

For more information about preparing for winter weather, go to the Shelby County Office of Preparedness HLS/EMA Facebook Group or [Twitter@SCOP\\_HLS\\_EMA](https://twitter.com/SCOP_HLS_EMA) or call **(901) 222-6700**.

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