DINOLFO PROVIDES UPDATE ON WIND STORM RESPONSE

Monroe County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo has rescinded the county’s avoid unnecessary travel warning as of 5:00 A.M. However, residents should continue to respect local travel restrictions put in place by town governments. While this warning has been rescinded, it is very important that residents use caution when traveling around the area as there are still downed trees and power lines on roadways and there are still intersections with nonfunctioning traffic signals.

Travelers should treat nonfunctioning traffic signals as 4-way stops. As a result of ongoing travel conditions, drivers should expect slower moving traffic and leave extra time for their trips.

Before leaving for your destination, consult local television and radio stations for closing information.

Shelter

Currently, the American Red Cross is operating one temporary shelter. This shelter, located at David F. Gantt Community Center, 700 North Street in the City of Rochester, is currently open for those in need of housing.

While most residents without power are choosing to stay with family or friends, shelter arrangements are available.

Those seeking shelter should contact the Red Cross at 585-241-4400. Specific questions regarding the shelter should be referred to the American Red Cross.

Restoration of Power

Throughout the night, crews have been working to clear down trees and power lines and are continuing this work through the day.

In regard to power outages, as of 5am, there are approximately 100,000 customers without power.

Questions regarding power outages should be directed to RGE. Information is also available on their website at http://www.rge.com/outages/outageinformation.html
Updates

As information continues to develop, we will be providing ongoing information on both the County Executive’s Twitter (@CherylDinolfo) and Facebook accounts (Cheryl Dinolfo) as well as the Monroe County Office of Emergency Management’s Twitter (@MonroeCountyOEM) and Facebook accounts (Monroe County OEM). Additional releases and briefings will be provided as necessary.

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