

Thursday, January 4, 2018 – 8:00 am

All - conditions update as of 7am

- Snow - Based on this morning's National Weather Service (NWS) should see snow ending from the south moving northward. We could see some additional bands of heavier snow before it ends with additional accumulations of 1/2" to 1.5". Snow will taper off this morning and will likely end in Carrsville area by mid-morning and by early afternoon in Carrollton.
- Winds - will be in the upper teens to low 20s (gust in the 30s) throughout most of the day. Should see winds peak around mid-day and then begin to gradually taper off.
- Temps. - NWS has increased forecast temps. for today slightly. High temperatures near 30-32 degrees briefly mid-afternoon with lows of 8-10 degrees (wind chills near or below zero (-3)) overnight. Highs on Friday will be in the 20s with temps. in the single digits overnight (wind chills could hit -6 overnight). It will likely be Monday afternoon before temps. are above freezing.
- Power outages -Long-term widespread outages are still not expected but pockets of power outages are possible, especially as the winds pick up. Community Electric reporting no outages in the county. Dominion reporting 61 customers without power in the Moonfield area of Smithfield - crews have been dispatched with an estimated restoration time between 8am-noon. There was a down Dominion power line on Battery Park Road about 7am that has added an additional 710 customers to the outage list (includes the Gatling Pt, Rescue, Battery Park, Nike Park areas) Dominion crews are onsite with an estimated restoration time of 10am - 4pm
- Road Conditions - crews are working to clear the roadways. VDOT is currently focusing on the primary roadways in the county. They will move to secondary roads after primaries are cleared. All roadways remain hazardous at this time. Drifting/blowing snow will continue to cause additional roadway impacts even after the snow stops. Stay off the roads unless absolutely necessary today. If you must drive, make sure you have food/water and extra clothes blankets in your car in case of emergency.
- 911 call volume has been near normal overnight. Do have reports of some vehicles in ditches this morning. Encourage everyone to stay off the roads unless it is an emergency.