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## **County Preparing for Winter Storm**

*NWS Binghamton Predicting 8-12 Inches of Snow Friday for Broome County*

(BINGHAMTON, NY) Broome County leaders joined today to discuss the county's plan of action ahead of another winter storm expected to impact the county. A news conference was held at the Office of Emergency Services with Deputy County Executive Kevin McManus, Sheriff David Harder, Michael Ponticiello, Director of Emergency Services and Susan Brown, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works – Highway Division.

The latest report from the National Weather Service indicated Broome County was expected to receive 8 to 12 inches of snowfall in this latest winter storm. The combination of strong winds and heavy, wet snow could cause scattered power outages and drifting snow. The snow will create poor travel conditions as roads become snow covered and slippery.

The Broome County Office of Emergency Services is in regular communication with the NWS Binghamton to monitor the incoming storm and sharing that information with partner agencies and municipalities in Broome County. The department is prepared to augment 911 and OES staff as needed. In addition, OES has been in direct contact with Broome County Department of Public Works, NYSDOT and NYSEG.

The County DPW's Highway Division is responsible for the snow plowing of nearly 325 miles in the county. The total number of roads plowed is 102.

The Highway Division's crews are preparing the equipment such as checking sanders, plow and wing blades, lights, etc. All trucks will be fueled and potentially loaded prior to the arrival of snowfall. Crews are prepared to work overtime, if needed, to clear the roads.

Broome County Sheriff David Harder said his deputies will be out in full force patrolling the county. The Sheriff said if you must travel, make sure you allow extra time, at least ½ tank gas in your vehicle and a fully charged cell phone. In the event of an emergency, residents should call 911. If you are in an accident, stay in your vehicle and wait for help.

Broome County encourages residents to monitor the weather forecast and road conditions frequently. A helpful tool to stay informed is NY Alert. You can register at [NYAlert.gov](http://NYAlert.gov).