

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Media Advisory

For Immediate Release:

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GEORGIA DOT WINTER WEATHER CONTACT INFORMATION:

The Georgia Department of Transportation currently is scheduled to activate its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Noon, Thursday, January 7, to coordinate the Department's statewide response to anticipated winter weather.

As a component of the EOC operations, communications staff there will regularly disseminate statewide condition reports. Media also may call the following numbers at any time during the activation for current localized or statewide road conditions – 404) 635-8093 or 635-8094.

In addition, Department communications staff throughout the state will be available via their usual contact numbers with the following exceptions:

- In Metro Atlanta, Mark McKinnon will be stationed at the Cheshire Bridge Road maintenance facility, beginning at 10 a.m., Thursday, and available via his cellular phone, 404) 326-6672;
- In Northeast Georgia, also effective at 10 a.m., Teri Pope will be stationed at the District One maintenance headquarters in Gainesville and accessible via her cellular phone, 404) 274-6436.

Communications staff will attempt to accommodate media requests as quickly as possible but please understand that safety and liability concerns will preclude certain activities such as filming the loading of material spreaders and "ride-alongs" with equipment operators and HERO personnel.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.