

For Immediate Release:

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## **ANTICIPATED SNOW & ICE MAY CREATE EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS DRIVING CONDITIONS ACROSS GEORGIA**

### **WHEN &**

**WHERE :** Beginning early Friday, in southwest, central and north Georgia; potentially continuing throughout the afternoon and evening.

**WHAT:** Snow and ice accumulations and sub-freezing temperatures are anticipated. Treacherous driving conditions may develop mid-afternoon in select areas. The public is advised to avoid all but absolutely necessary travel in affected areas.

In the Metropolitan Atlanta area, freezing temperatures are forecast for Friday afternoon, night and Saturday morning. Moisture on roadways at that time will freeze; dangerous black ice may be prevalent.

Georgia DOT crews will treat interstate and state routes as necessary and will continue throughout Friday and into Saturday morning. Metro Atlanta crews will be activated well in advance of any icing in the area. The Department's first priority is maintaining interstate and major federal and state highways. Georgia DOT does not have the resources to routinely treat city streets and county roads.

Again, the public is encouraged to refrain from driving if possible; consult Georgia DOT for road conditions via [www:georgia-navigator.com](http://www.georgia-navigator.com) or by dialing 511; and utilize extreme caution if driving is necessary.

## **Georgia DOT Winter Weather Media Contact Information...**

The following Department media relations personnel will be available at the numbers listed for updates on roadway conditions in the specified areas:

Comprehensive Statewide Information -- Emergency Operations Center (EOC)/Transportation Management Center (TMC) – The EOC will be activated for media calls at 8 a.m. Karlene Barron will be available until 8 p.m., at which time Erica Fatima will staff. Media call-in numbers at the EOC are 404) 635-8093 and 8094.

District One in Northeast Georgia – Teri Pope will staff the District Office in Gainesville from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., at which time she will be relieved by Rick Parham. Teri can be contacted at (404) 274-6436. Rick can be contacted at (770) 561-1508.

District Two in East Central Georgia – Cissy Mc Nure will staff the District office in Tennille from 8 a.m. through the event. She can be contacted at (478) -552-4656.

District Three in West Central Georgia – Kimberly Larson will staff the District office in Thomaston from 7 a.m. through the event. She can be contacted at (706) 646-6938.

District Four in Southwest Georgia – Craig Solomon will staff the District office in Tifton from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. He can be contacted at (229) 309-9706.

District Five in Southeast Georgia – Media Inquires should be directed to the EOC at 404) 635-8093 or 8094.

District Six in Northwest Georgia – Mohamed Arafa will staff the District office in Cartersville throughout the event and may be contacted via 770) 387-4081 or 770) 359-9523.

District Seven in Metro Atlanta – Metro Atlanta maintenance personnel currently are scheduled for activation at 8 a.m., Friday. Crystal Paulk-Buchanan will staff the Cheshire Bridge Road maintenance facility from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., at which time she will be relieved by Mark McKinnon. Crystal may be contacted at (404) 895-4956. Mark may be contacted at 404) 326-6672.

Periodic road condition updates will be provided by the EOC.