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**Barron**  
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*Winter Weather Highway Conditions...*

## **Light Snow, Sleet, Roadway Icing Reported As Winter Weather Systems Enter Georgia**

**Atlanta** – Dangerous icing conditions are forming on highways in west central Georgia as expected winter weather is entering the state. Moisture arriving from the southwest is meeting frigid temperatures from the northwest to create sleet and freezing rain in areas around Troup and Harris counties while occasional light snowfall is reported in portions of Metro Atlanta and in northwest Georgia. The two fronts are expected to continue to merge over the state today, tonight and early Wednesday.

Metro Atlanta icing issues are now be treated on:

- Interstate Highway 285 interchange at State Route 417 in DeKalb County;
- State Route 13 in DeKalb;
- State Route 3 in Fulton County;
- State Route 41 in Cobb County; and
- Interstate Highways 85 and 20 in Douglas County.

In central and west central Georgia; GA DOT crews are treating icing conditions on the following roadways:

- Interstate Highway 85 and I-185 in Troup and Harris counties;
- Interstate Highway 85 in Coweta County;
- Interstate Highway 75 and State Route 42 in Henry County;
- State Routes 100 and 120 in Haralson County; and
- State Routes 1 and 109 in Troup.

Northwest Georgia Department crews are working accumulations of snow and ice on:

- Interstate Highway 75 in Bartow and Dade counties;
- Interstate Highway 59 in Dade;
- Interstate Highway 575 in Cherokee County;
- State Routes 136, 157, 58, 299 and 301 in Dade;
- State Routes 3 and 140 in Bartow; and
- State Route 157 in Walker County.

As conditions continue to deteriorate, impacts on roads will spread across the state. The Department advises the public to refrain from all but absolutely necessary travel until midday Wednesday at the earliest. If motorists must travel, please be extremely cautious. Slow down considerably; allow extra distance between yourself and other vehicles, maintain a steady speed; avoid lane changing and sudden acceleration or braking; and never pass a Georgia DOT, contractor or local government truck treating the road. Also, avoid any driving after dark as black ice will form on streets, roads and highways and is virtually impossible to detect in the dark.

The Department will issue hourly media advisories as warranted; in addition, representatives will be available at the locations and via the phone numbers listed below throughout the weather event:

**The Special Operations Center (SOC):** Located at the Transportation Management Center (TMC) will activate at Noon, Tuesday. Media should call Karlene Barron or Natalie Dale at 404.635.2490 and 2491 for updates.

**(Note - This is the Department's statewide command center and the clearinghouse for real-time conditions; it is your best source for current status of roadways.)**

**Cheshire Bridge Road (Metro Atlanta) Maintenance Facility:** Contact Mark McKinnon at 404.326.6672.

**District One (Northeast Georgia) Gainesville Headquarters:** Contact Teri Pope at 404.274.6436.

**District Two (East Central Georgia) Tonnelle Headquarters:** Contact Cissy McNure at 478.232.3331

**District Three (West Central Georgia) Thomaston Headquarters:** Contact Kimberly Larson at 706.741.3439.

**District Four (South and Southwest Georgia) Tifton Headquarters:** Contact Nita Birmingham 229.326.5435.

**District Five (Southeast and Coastal Georgia) Savannah Area Office:** Contact Jill Nagel at 912.424.6643.

**District Six (Northwest Georgia) Cartersville Headquarters:** Contact Mohamed Arafa at 770.359.9523.

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