Transportation Management Center and SRIC



OM-1 Road Condition Report



- SRIC season is November thru mid March
- TMC prepares daily OM-1 Reports.
- The report is received from the Districts every weekday morning between 5 and 6 am.
- TMC will request further reports as needed.
- If conditions are changing the report should be updated every two hours during adverse weather conditions to insure the public has current information on our heavily traveled routes.
- This information is sent to the NWS.

SRIC Color Codes



- Counties and Expressway orgs are to follow the SRIC
 Guidelines set forth by the Maintenance Division Director.
- Once an Org is called out they are to update their color code status to blue which indicates they are on standby anticipating a storm or spot treating.
- Code blue usually means at least one person is out patrolling the roadway monitoring for ice and or snow conditions.
- Once actual treatment begins the org is to update their status to code yellow to show SRIC operations are in full force for that particular org.
- If your Org is manned let the TMC know.

SRIC Temperature Monitoring Policy

32 Degree Rule

	Percentage of Precipitation forcasted			
National weather service forcasted temperature	0% - 10%	10%-25%	24%-40%	above 40%
Above 36 degrees	no requirement, supervisor's discretion shall determin action			
33 to 36 degrees	No action required but supervisor should monitor weather for potential callout		Supervisor to monitor weather and predicted changes within next 12 hours and have night watchman report if he feels its warranted (need for nightwatchmen would increase as predicted temps approach 32 degrees)	
below 33 degrees	No action required but supervisor should monitor weather for potential callout	Night watchman on duty	skeleton crew as determined by supervisor	Crews on duty and stationed to respond as needed
Notes: 1. These Temperature Monitoring Standard Actions are minium requirements. Any Supervisor can decide to prepare mor aggresively. If they believe weather conditions warrant those actions.				s. Any Supervisor can decide to prepare more
	2. These Temperature Monitoring Standard Actions must be utilized in all Expressway (interstate and APD) Organizations. These standards may be utilized in the County Organizations at the discretion of the District Engineer/Manager of their designee.			

TMC/SRIC



- The national weather service inputs weather watches, advisories, and warnings into the 511 system and info is displayed on the map overlay. This is available to the public.
- TMC Updates road conditions on statewide 511 platform.

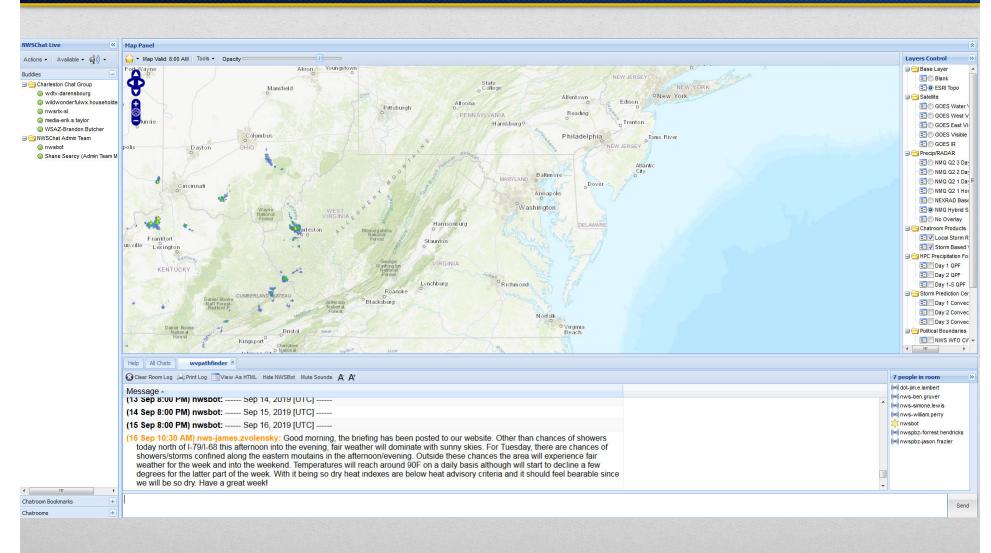
WV Pathfinder



- NWS and the WVDOH/TMC collaborate with WV Pathfinder.
- WVDOH provides the following to NWS
 - OM-1 report
 - Camera Feeds
 - RWIS data
- NWS Pathfinder Chat it is restricted to NWS and WVDOH representatives
 - This is for weather impacts to the public, timing, and potential travel impacts across the entire state.
 - TMC has access to this 24 x 7

WV Pathfinder





Weather Briefings



- WVDHSEM in coordination with NWS holds weather briefings each Monday and Friday at 10AM.
- All 4 Forecast Offices present a briefing for their respective area and this info is relayed to our weather notification group via email.
- The NWS conducts a 10PM School Support Decision call during times of adverse weather to assist County BOE in making decisions on delays and cancelations.

TMC Operations NWS Weather - Watches/Warnings/Advisories



HEAVY SNOW AHEAD / LOW VISIBILITY ICY ROADS

- A **snowsquall** (or **snow squall**) is a sudden moderately heavy **snow** fall with blowing **snow** and strong, gusty surface winds. It is often referred to as a whiteout and is similar to a blizzard but is localized in time or in space and **snow** accumulations may or may not be significant.
- The NWS forecast office will contact the TMC and advise when an imminent Snow Squall condition exists.
- DMS messages is to be used and a change in the road condition posture when snow squall or white out conditions are imminent and/or occurring.
- NWS will contact the TMC when condition has passed.



Example of NWS Snow Squall Notification



From: Lwx-Report Lwx-Report - NOAA Service Account < lwx-report@noaa.gov>

Sent: Sunday, April 3, 2016 2:11 AM

To: DOT Transportation Management Center < DOT.TransportationManagementCenter@wv.gov>; SOC@sha.state.md.us;

StauntTrafficManagementCenter@vdot.virginia.gov

Cc: Lambert, Jim E < <u>Jim.E.Lambert@wv.gov</u>>; Holmes, Timothy A < <u>Timothy.A.Holmes@wv.gov</u>>; Christopher Strong - NOAA Federal < <u>christopher.strong@noaa.gov</u>>; LWX Contacts < <u>james.e.lee@noaa.gov</u>>; LWX Contacts < <u>steven.zubrick@noaa.gov</u>>; Andrew Snyder - NOAA

Federal <andrew.snyder@noaa.gov>

Subject: NWS Notification of Snow Band, for possible use on Variable Message Signs

Good morning,

Snow squalls to affect western MD, the eastern WV panhandle and the I-81 corridor from Martinsburg WV south to Strasburg VA through 5AM Sun Apr 03 2016.

Up to an inch of snow accumulation is expected over western Allegany county with less than an inch expected from Cumberland east to Frederick MD and the I-81 corridor from Martinsburg to Strasburg VA. In addition, winds will blow at 20 mph with gusts to 45 mph through the night creating areas of poor visibility. Road temperatures are currently below freezing only in Allegany county MD. Across the rest of the area temperatures are expected to fall below freezing in the next hour or two.

Conditions are expected to improve after 5AM Sun.

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Road Closure report



- TMC maintains a daily road closure report.
- All 10 districts shall report any road closure planned or emergency.
- The District shall give an estimated opening date and is responsible for reporting the actual opening date and time.
- The report is to include the :
 - Location of the closure,
 - Reason for closure,
 - Detour information if applicable.

RWIS station



- RWIS station report the remote environment conditions to the TMC
- RWIS stations include multiple sensors such as:
 - Surface state
 - Air temperature
 - Ground temperature
 - Rain State
 - Precipitations
 - Dew point
 - Wind speed
 - Wind Direction

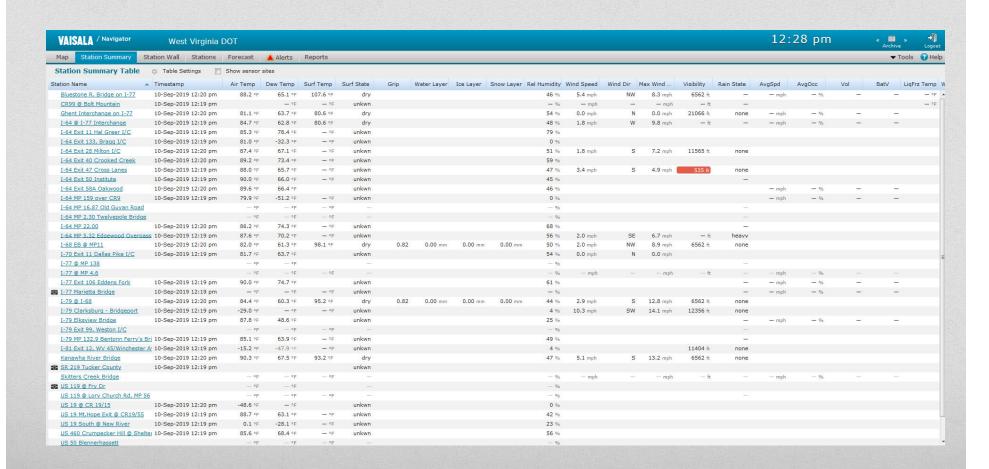
Sensor types may vary.



Vaisala Weather Station Management

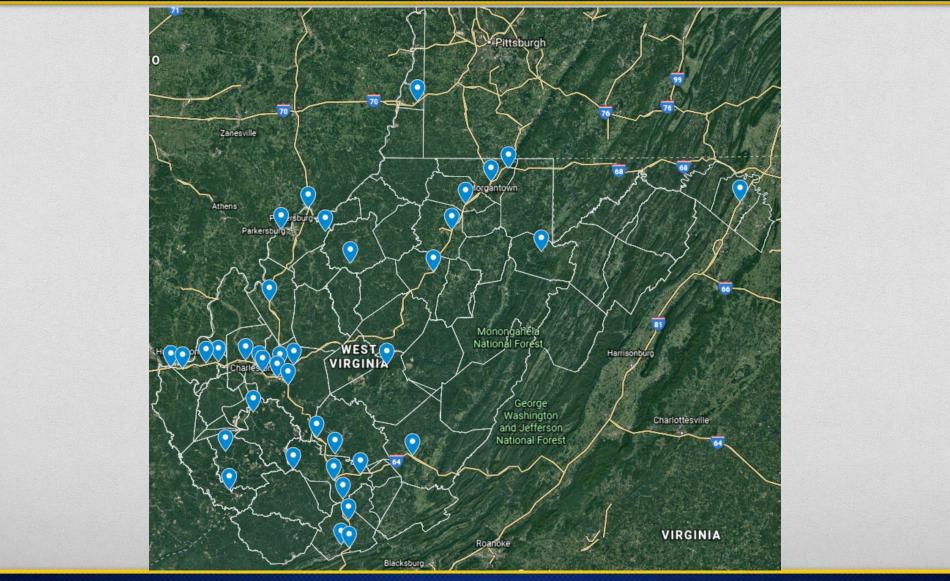


Vaisala RWIS Interface



Vaisala Weather Station Locations





Question and Answers





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