

SITUATION REPORT No. 2
January 30 - February 2 Winter Weather Storm
February 1, 2026
South Carolina State Emergency Operations Center
Operational Period: 0800, Saturday, January 31, 2026 –
0800, Sunday, February 1, 2026



SITUATION

STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER STATUS: The South Carolina Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) moved to Operational Condition (OPCON) 2 at 1200 Friday, January 30, 2026, in anticipation of the impacts to South Carolina by the winter weather event. The SEOC is activated with physical representation from Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) 1, 6, 15, 16, and 19, and remote representation from ESFs 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, and 24.

COUNTY OPCON STATUS:

Status	Total	County Name(s)
OPCON 1	5	Chester, Clarendon, Lexington, Orangeburg, Spartanburg
OPCON 2	26	Abbeville, Aiken, Anderson, Barnwell, Berkeley, Charleston, Chesterfield, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Georgetown, Greenville, Horry, Kershaw, Laurens, Lee, Marlboro, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, Richland, Sumter, Williamsburg, York
OPCON 3	15	Allendale, Bamberg, Beaufort, Calhoun, Cherokee, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence, Greenwood, Hampton, Jasper, Lancaster, Marion, Saluda, Union

DECLARATION INFORMATION: Governor Henry McMaster's [State of Emergency](#) from January 21, 2026 remains in effect for the current event.

LIFELINE STATUS



REPORTED DAMAGES

No damages reported at this time.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS KEY NOTES

Note: ESF reports are by exception.

ESF-1:

- The Transportation lifeline degraded to amber.
- Processed and managed ESF-1 transportation resource requests received during the operational period, coordinating with state, local, and private-sector partners to support ongoing response efforts.
- Continued treatment operations on state roads and bridges in coordination with SCDOT districts as needed, emphasizing priority routes and known snow / ice-prone infrastructure, responding to “just-in-time” emergencies as needed. Interstates and high-volume primaries are largely passable. Secondary routes and many county / municipal routes are impacted by snow.
- Monitored the operational status of all transportation modes, including highways and bridges, transit systems, rail, aviation, and maritime/port operations, to identify obstacles to recovery/returning to pre-incident status.
 - Many regional airports are closed. International airports are open but reporting significant carrier cancelations and delays statewide.
 - Regional transit services in impacted areas are adjusting schedules as needed.
- Maintained active participation in coordination calls and planning meetings with the SEOC, ESF partners, and transportation stakeholders to support shared situational awareness and operational alignment.

ESF-2:

- The Communications lifeline remained green.
- Completed two requests for radios for Spartanburg County and DPH.
- Coordinated mutual aid channels.
- No reported impacts to communications.

ESF-3:

- The Water System lifeline remained green.
- ESF-3 tracked status reports from water/wastewater systems. No significant disruptions to the sector expected at this time.
- Extreme cold weather could cause line breaks on system and customer sides, but these should not cause more than very minor issues.
- No open resource requests. SCWARN is not planning a daily briefing Sunday (2/1).

ESF-4/9:

- Continued situational awareness and maintained rosters for potential response

ESF-6:

- The Food, Hydration, Shelter lifeline remained green.
- 13 general population shelters were opened.
- 117 sheltenees in total.
- 12 general population shelters were placed on standby.
- 8 MEPS on standby.
- Triage line activated this morning at 8am, with zero triaged into MEPs.
- 1 Quarantine shelter placed on standby.

ESF-7:

- Updated PIO and WSP contracts for the winter weather event.

- Fulfilled 4 requests. Estimated total \$139,000.
- Internal Order #98000032.

ESF-8:

- The Health and Medical lifeline remained green.
- Activated the DPH IMT and communicated with key ESF-8 partners is ongoing.
- Activated the careline and Triage line at 0800 31 January. The line will be active for the remainder of the event. The Triage number is 1-833-351-9990.
- South Carolina Department of Public Health (DPH) authorized a one-time early refill of Schedule III-V prescriptions for valid refills that are due through Feb. 4, 2026.
- DPH remained in contact with regulated health care facilities. No unmet needs have been identified.
- Eleven outpatient facility closures were reported to DPH. Below is the breakdown by facility type.
 - 7 Outpatient Chemically Dependent or Addicted Persons
 - 3 Adult Day Care
 - 1 End Stage Renal Dialysis
- No power loss or evacuation was reported.
- The South Carolina's Coroners Association distributed information about fatality reporting and winter weather related deaths to its membership.
- Distributed messaging to Home O2 vendors on 1/28 asking them to provide additional supplies to clients when possible.
- OMH's Mobile Crisis remained available for counties. For a mental health crisis, call 1.833.364.2274 to contact BHDD Office of Mental Health Mobile Crisis Call Center.

ESF-11:

- Continued to be committed to providing food services.
- Coordinated ESF-6 to ensure fulfillment of any shelter feeding needs.
- SC Department of Education ESF-11 staff remained on standby and ready to contact the USDA's Regional Office for USDA Foods supports if needed.

ESF-12:

- The Energy lifeline remained green.
- At 0800, there were 2,004 power outages throughout the state with most on Santee Electric, Dominion, Duke Energy, and Blue Ridge Electric system. The utilities had no unmet needs and no requests for assistance with the exception of a few requests from DOT for access to generation plants.
- No reported issues with pipeline operators or petroleum products distribution.

ESF-13:

- The Safety & Security lifeline remained green.
- Continued to support ESF-16 and traffic management.

ESF-15:

- Worked with state partners to share messaging about road safety.
- Pushed out content on cold weather safety and shelters.
- Prepared social media content.

ESF-16:

- Continued to staff the SEOC.
- Continued increased staffing of SCDPS and ESF-13 personnel for Troops 1 through 7.
- Coordinated with SCDDOT and SCNG for contract wrecker and VRT assistance with roadway clearing.
- SCDPS continued coordinating and assisting SCDDOT with road closures, traffic direction, and other calls as necessary.
- SCDPS continued working service calls, including collisions, monitoring for areas of black ice or frozen overpasses, and providing assistance for motorists.
- No resource requests and no unmet needs during the operational period.

ESF-19:

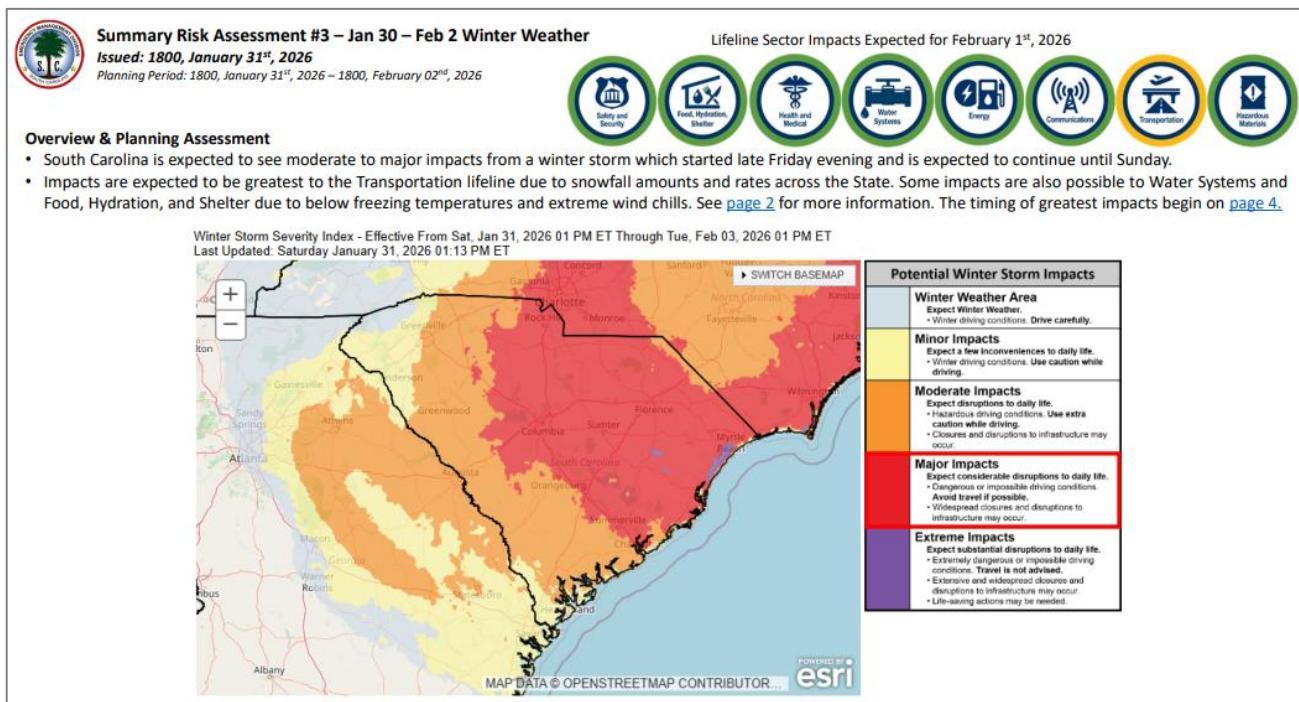
- 351 personnel on the ground.
- Supported 1 LNO resource request.
- Provided 14 VRT teams in support of DPS.
- Supported additional resource requests.

ESF-24:

- Communicated the latest disaster information to all the ESF-24 partners.
- Assisted with inquiries about business reentry, emergency refill for grade III-IV pharmaceuticals, and road and bridge closures.

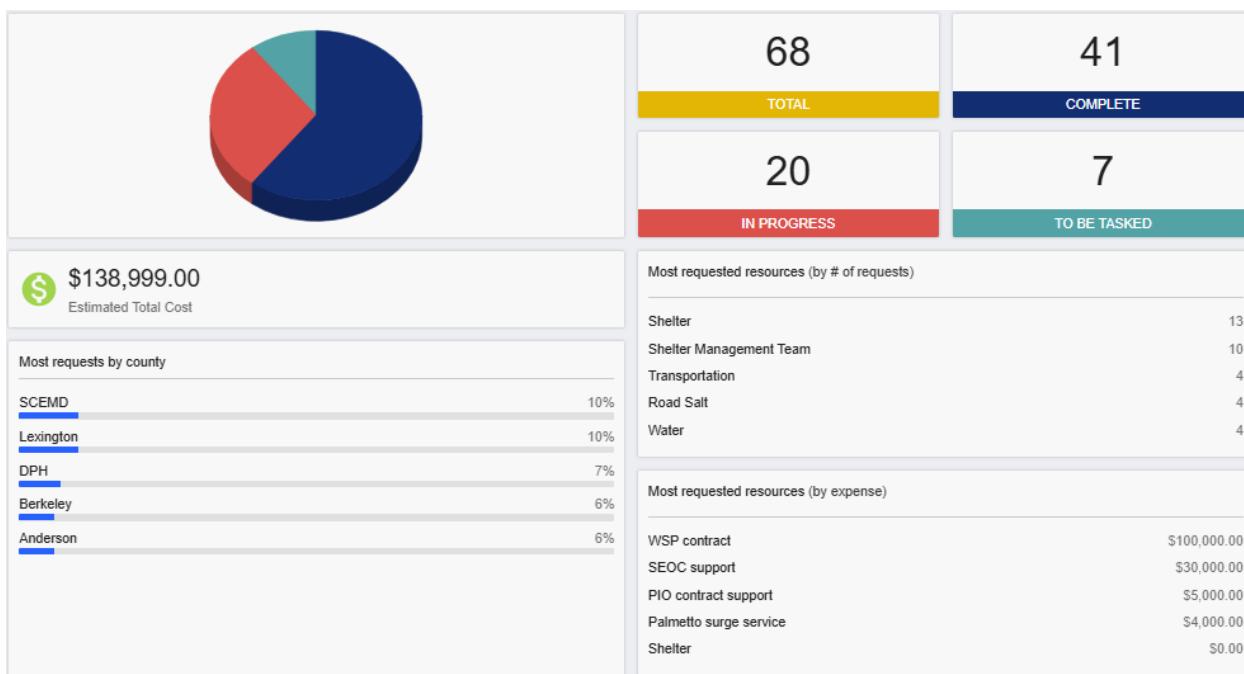
DISASTER INTELLIGENCE

- Published third Summary Risk Assessment (SRA) of the event



LOGISTICS

- Resource Requests
 - 68 total requests
 - Shelter support – 27
 - Road deice or treatment - 11
- Contracts activated
 - Technical Services (WSP) – installed Darlington County generator
- Commodities on hand
 - MREs – 287,232 meals
 - Water – 445,680 liters



INFORMATIONAL LINKS

- State Government Office Closures: <https://www.scemd.org/closings/>
- SC School Closures: <https://ed.sc.gov/districts-schools/schools/district-and-school-closures/>
- National Weather Service: <https://www.weather.gov/>
- NWS Winter Storm Severity Index: <https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/wssi.php>
- Power Outage Tracker: <https://poweroutage.us/>
- Wind Data: <https://www.wrh.noaa.gov/map/>
- SCEMD Disaster Intelligence Dashboard:
<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/5df6c4001bc043c18d4adf99114e20df>