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Winter Storm Update #3

School/Office Closures for Friday, February 12

- The offices of the Board of County Commissioners, including animal services and the library system are closed. Regular operating hours will resume on Monday, February 15. The Central Landfill is open Friday and Saturday, February 12 & 13 from 7 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- Supervisor of Elections, Tax Collector, Clerk of the Court and the court system are closed and reopen on Monday, February 15.
- Public schools in Santa Rosa County are closed. School will resume on Tuesday, February 16.
- The University of West Florida is closed.
- Whiting Field: The Whiting Field Golf Course, Wings Club, Child Development Center; Fitness Center, Navy Exchange Main Store, Bachelor's Quarters Mini-Mart, Commissary, and Pen Air Federal Credit Union. The Branch Health Clinic will remain open Friday morning for all scheduled appointments, but will close at 1200 noon for all services, including the pharmacy. The Whiting Pines Mini-Mart will remain open during their normal operating hours. Weather permitting, the base will reopen for all normal operations at 7 a.m., Saturday, February 13.
- Pensacola Junior College Milton Campus is closed.
- Council on Aging of West Florida is closed. The closure includes all congregate meal sites, the adult day healthcare center and administrative offices.

Actions Taken by the County

In preparation for the low temperatures, Santa Rosa County has taken the following steps:

- The Citizen Information Center is open at (850) 983-INFO.
- The emergency operations center is at a level three or monitoring phase.
- Emergency management and public works staff are on standby to respond as needed.
- Public works has sand on standby to place on roadways. No roads or bridges are currently closed. Any road closures will be announced as they occur. In the event of a road closure, do not remove or drive around the barricade. Please use an alternate route.
- The American Red Cross is on standby to open a public warming shelter if needed for any long-term power outages.

Cold Weather Shelters

- If the temperature cannot be maintained at your home, make temporary arrangements to stay elsewhere, including with friends and family. Two cold weather shelters for the homeless and those who are not able to maintain heat in their homes through Sunday:
 - Ferris Hill Baptist Church, 6848 Chaffin Street in Milton
 - Billory Baptist Church, 8162 Stillwater Cove in Holley
 - Thursday night ONLY, both shelters will open at 5 p.m. and close at 9 a.m. on Friday morning.

More cold weather tips and information on what to do before, during and after a wide variety of disasters can be found the county's disaster guide available online at <http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/emergency/disasterprep.html>.