



Winter Weather Draft After Action Report Overview

Council Public Safety & Human Services Committee

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Winter Weather Activation After Action Report

- After Action Review (AAR) and Report Process
 - Gather data from response participants
 - Meet with OEM committees
 - Strategic Working Group (SWG) - Review
 - Disaster Management Committee (DMC) - Approve
 - Emergency Executive Board (EEB) - Approve
 - Mayor's Office and Council review
 - Publication
 - Improvement Plan of recommendations following final approval

Pre-Event Coordination

- OEM's daily weather briefs showed confidence that prolonged period of extreme cold and snow would impact Seattle late December to January.
- Operational coordination with city departments began December 22nd.
 - HSD identified two initial overnight shelter sites
 - Joint Information Center plan for emergency messaging, media coverage
 - AlertSeattle message to 57,000 subscribers about hazardous weather

Operational Overview

- National Weather Service (NWS) forecast extreme cold from Dec.25th into new year
 - Two to eight inches of snow
 - Emergency Operations Center (EOC) virtually activated – 12/26 to 1/3/22
 - 25 Agencies involved – City Departments and outside partners
- Major issues
 - Snow Management – SDOT lead
 - Emergency Sheltering – Began with HSD, transitioned to KCRHA
 - Staffing challenges due to spread of COVID-Omicron variant, holidays, and need for CDL drivers

City's Overall Objectives

- Objective 1: Maintain situational awareness on current and forecasted impacts to City.
- Objective 2: Coordinate support for the community (severe weather shelters, general population shelters, utilities, health, etc.)
- Objective 3: Coordinate actions and resources to maintain City Services including public safety.
- Objective 4: Ensure coordinated and consistent messaging with the community, stakeholders, and employees.



Response Highlights

- Mayor Durkan signed emergency order to provide monetary incentives for frontline workers & shelter service providers.
- Warming centers opened at five SPR Community Centers, City Hall, & the Armory, several libraries.
- Overnight shelters at Seattle Center Exhibition Hall, Compass Housing Alliance
 - 6 Additional locations
 - Jan. 1st, lead for sheltering transitioned to KCRHA
- SDOT in 24-hour operations supported by SCL, SPR, & SPU staff
 - FAS on 24-hour schedule to support SDOT equipment needs

Questions?

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