

Governor Markell Announces Lifting of State of Emergency in New Castle County

***State of Emergency with Level 1 Driving Warning
remains in Kent, Sussex Counties***

Cheswold, DE – Governor Jack Markell announced he has lifted the State of Emergency with Level One Driving Warning for New Castle County, effective at 2 p.m. today. The State of Emergency with a Level 1 Driving Warning remains in effect in Kent and Sussex Counties. Road conditions in New Castle County have improved since this morning, but roads throughout the state still have snow and ice on them. Drivers should continue to exercise caution if they must travel. DelDOT will continue to plow and salt roads as necessary.

“As expected, Kent and Sussex Counties received the greatest impact of this storm,” said Governor Markell. “Road conditions continue to improve, but motorists should continue to be careful, as snowy and icy spots still exist and additional snowfall is expected in the southern part of the state.”

State officials will continue to monitor the weather and road conditions and will take any appropriate action, including lifting the state of emergency in Kent and Sussex Counties as weather conditions improve.

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Executive Department

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TERMINATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

WHEREAS, since yesterday, the State of Delaware has experienced a significant accumulation of snow resulting from a winter storm, with the heaviest snow occurring in Kent and Sussex Counties; and

WHEREAS, the snow has largely abated in New Castle County, and through the significant efforts of Department of Transportation officials and state and local emergency responders, travel on many roads in New Castle County is possible again; and

WHEREAS, response efforts continue throughout the State of Delaware, and road conditions in Kent and Sussex Counties remain challenging, particularly on secondary and local roads.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JACK A. MARKELL, hereby declare:

1. My declaration of a state of emergency, including the Level 1 driving warning, dated Monday, March 2, 2014 is terminated for New Castle County as of 2:00 PM today. The state of emergency and Level 1 driving warning shall remain in effect in Kent and Sussex Counties until further notice.
2. Pursuant to 20 DEL. C. § 3116(a)(11), the Delaware National Guard shall continue to provide necessary assistance to state and local activities, at the discretion of the Adjutant General or his designee.
3. I reserve the right to take or direct state or local authorities to take, without issuance of further written order, any other necessary actions authorized by Title 20, Chapter 31 of the Delaware Code to respond to this emergency.

APPROVED this 3rd day of March, 2014, at 12:20 p.m.