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Emergency Operations Center to be activated Friday

February 4, 2010 – The Carroll County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be activated at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, in response to anticipated blizzard conditions across central Maryland. Emergency Management Planner Chrissy Calp will operate the center at Level 2, meaning multiple agencies will have representatives present. The EOC will remain open as long as necessary to coordinate storm response and recovery. Residents should be prepared to stay in their homes for up to 72 hours, as roads are expected to be treacherous. Emergency supplies should include:

- **Water** – a gallon per person per day. Have more on hand if you have pets. Households with wells should also store additional water in case power is lost to their pumps.
- **Flashlight with batteries.** High winds increase the likelihood for power outages.
- **Battery-operated radio.** Monitor local media for updated weather conditions and emergency announcements.
- **Food** – Keep enough non-perishable food on hand to last three days. Make sure you have a manual can opener.
- **Medications** – Fill any prescriptions now that you may need through Monday.

A complete list of recommended emergency supplies can be found at www.ReadySetGood.org.

A non-emergency information line will be established Friday afternoon. Residents will be able to call 1-888-543-8362. Details on the hours of operation for this line will be released Friday morning.

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