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Dufferin Emergency Management

....EVENT UPDATE...

December 2013 Ice Storm

23 Dec 2013 0930

Event summary: A moisture laden system origination in the Gulf of Mexico moved northward and collided with cold arctic temperatures over Souther Ontario during the weekend of 21-21 December 2013 resulting in a widespread Ice Storm.

Local Impact: Across Dufferin County there were a number of storm related concerns including widespread power outages. At the height of the outages 75% of Hydro Ones customers in Dufferin were affected. Roadways and sidewalks were treacherous and travel was not advisable. Trees, poles and overhead lines are coated in a thick layer of ice. Some roadways remain closed at this time.

Local Response: Emergency Services responded to many calls during the impact phase of the storm mostly fire small fires, trees down on roadways and motor vehicle collisions. An increase in the number of people seeking emergency care resulted in a very busy weekend for our hospital and paramedic service.

Recovery: Hydro One is working to restore power to some 11,000 customers in our area with the assistance of Orangeville Hydro. Power should be restored by late tonight barring unforeseen circumstances.

Outlook: Strong winds today may cause further concerns as trees and wires laden with ice

could still come down. With a cold night in the forecast those without power should begin making arrangements for alternate accommodations, especially for the elderly or very young.

Directives: Please do not drive around any barricades and stay well aware of downed power lines. When driving past Hydro crews please do so safely and slow down. Do not connect any generators directly to your homes electrical grid.

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