

State of Delaware



**Executive Department
Dover**

**DECLARATION OF A LIMITED STATE OF EMERGENCY
AND LEVEL I DRIVING WARNING FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
DUE TO A SEVERE WINTER STORM**

WHEREAS, a severe winter storm is generating and will continue to generate significant amounts of snow and sleet throughout the State of Delaware, with significant accumulations of more than six inches in much of New Castle County; and

WHEREAS, the severe winter storm includes heavy snowfall and gusting winds, resulting in significantly decreased visibility, snow drifts and other road hazards that make driving dangerous and creating potentially life-threatening conditions; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 9:00 p.m., I authorized the Delaware National Guard to assist state and local officials with any necessary response and recovery for this severe winter storm; and

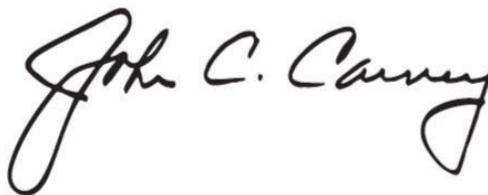
WHEREAS, the predicted weather conditions will likely continue to create dangerous and potentially life-threatening road conditions and may result in additional public safety responses;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN C. CARNEY, pursuant to Title 20, Chapter 31 of the Delaware Code, do hereby declare a State of Emergency in New Castle County. This State of Emergency will be effective as of Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 12:00 a.m. E.S.T., and shall continue

until terminated as provided under state law. The nature of the emergency is significant amounts of snow, sleet, and potentially high winds. Along with such other actions authorized by Title 20, Chapter 31 of the Delaware Code, I specifically direct and authorize:

1. All departments and agencies of the State of Delaware shall assist in response and recovery activities, as directed by and in coordination with the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA), in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security (DSHS), necessary in those areas affected by the storm. Further, DEMA is authorized to enact the Delaware Emergency Operations Plan.
2. As of Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 12:00 a.m. E.S.T., and until further notice, a Level 1 Driving Warning is in effect in New Castle County. Any person operating a motor vehicle shall exercise extra caution in the operation of that vehicle for the duration of the emergency. Nonessential employees, regardless of whether employed by a public or private entity, are encouraged not to operate a motor vehicle for the duration of the emergency, unless there is a significant safety, health or business reason to do so. State and local officials are directed to remove abandoned vehicles from roads in affected areas at the expense of the vehicle owner.
3. The Delaware National Guard shall take precautionary or responsive actions directed by the Director of DEMA, in consultation with the Secretary of DSHS, upon request by local authorities.
4. I authorize the Delaware Department of Transportation and the Delaware State Police, in consultation with DEMA and the Secretary of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security, to order such bridge and road closures as necessary to protect the health and safety of the public.
5. 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 13th day of March, 2017, at 8:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Carney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Governor