Christmas Snow of 2012

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Advice to EMs

- First e-mail sent on the 22\textsuperscript{nd}
  - “It looks as though a good part of Arkansas will see some snow falling on Christmas Day or Christmas Night.”
  - “I want to emphasize that this weather system will bring some hazardous driving conditions to Arkansas.”
First Winter Storm Watches issued on the afternoon of December 23rd
First Winter Storm Warnings issued early on the morning of the 24th
First ever Blizzard Warning issued early on the morning of the 25th
The Precipitation Falls

- Northwestern half of Arkansas
  - Rain changed to freezing rain, sleet, and some snow Christmas afternoon
  - Mostly snow by evening
- Southeastern half of Arkansas
  - Mainly rain during the day
  - Changed to snow in the evening
Only the 4th time since 1875 that measurable snow had fallen in Little Rock on Christmas (last time was 1926)

One of the top 10 largest snowfalls in Little Rock history

Numerous snowfall records broken in the state
The Effects

- Winds of 20-30 mph and gusts of 35-45 mph occurred with the storm
- About 275,000 lost power in Arkansas, including around 100,000 in Pulaski County alone
- No power in 70% of Little Rock
- Little Rock estimated tree debris totaled 22,000 tons
Federal disaster declared for 7 counties in central Arkansas
Driveway is here
Where is my machete when I need it?