



# Winter Storm Response

## January 31, 2018

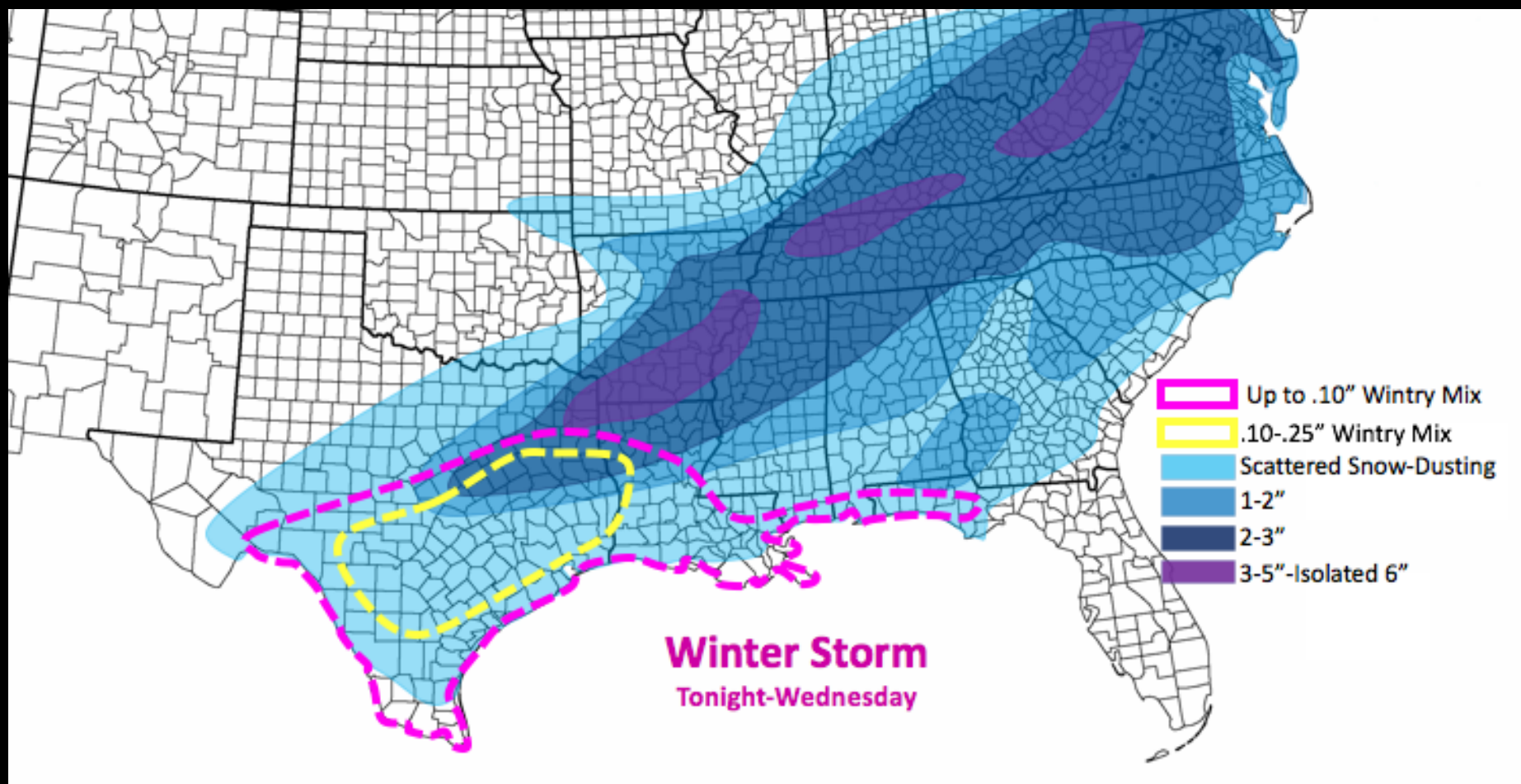


# Overview

- Emergency Management Coordinator Vencelin Harris
- How does the Town prepare for and respond to storms? TEAMWORK, RESPONSIBILITY, PROFESSIONALISM & SAFETY
- General Storm Overview
- This Storm Response COMMUNICATION & EQUITY

# Snapshot of Weather Preparations

- Monitor weather forecasts 3-4 days out
- Communication with internal and external partners
- Staffing Plans
- Determine any pre-treatment measures
- Deploy and stage equipment/contractors





# Winter Storm Inga: Jan 17-20

- Storm arrived later than anticipated.
- Significant snowfall, much more than anticipated, in a short period of time.
- Followed by extreme cold which complicated removal and clean-up efforts.

“January Chapel Hill Snow Event”



RESPECT

# Teamwork



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# Responsibility





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# Professionalism



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# Safety









# Resources

- 180 Tons Salt
- 120 Tons Sand
- ~50,000 Gallons of Brine
- 1 Ton Ice Melt
- Contractor Equipment
  - 3 Motor Graders, 2 Snow Plows, Smaller Equipment to Clear our Facilities



RESPECT

# Equity



# Communication

We take part in constructive dialogues and set clear goals and expectations so we may better understand our roles in the workplace. Our organizational values serve as a common language when discussing each other's decisions and actions.






# Communication during the storm...

### Top Inga Facebook Post

Town of Chapel Hill added 5 new photos  
Published by Chapel Hill 17 · January 17 at 5:42p

Winter Storm Inga Update: 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, public-facing facilities are closed Thursday. Trash crews work on storm clean-up. Transit service suspended. Council meeting canceled. Call-in service available 9 am and 7 pm Thursday for non-emergency issues [townofchapelhill.org/news](http://www.townofchapelhill.org/news). Checking out our photo tells the story about road conditions. #staysafe #ch #workingaroundtheclock <http://www.townofchapelhill.org/Compon.../News/News/11961/22>






Users Reached	13,194
*8,328 paid reach	
* Winter Weather Preparedness was # 2 at 7,981	

### Top Inga Tweet

Town of Chapel Hill  
@chapelhillgov


#Inga Update #ChapelHill public-facing facilities closed Thurs.Trash collection canceled as crews work #aroundtheclock on clean-up. @chtransit suspended.Call-in service: 919-969-5005 from 9 am-7 pm Thursday for non-emergency issues. MORE -> [bit.ly/2DjXhJ](https://bit.ly/2DjXhJ)



5:55 PM · 17 Jan 2018  
13 Retweets · 20 Likes

Users Reached	9,284
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### Instagram Post



View Insights

Liked by visitchapelhill, go\_chapel\_hill\_ and 166 others

Users Reached	1,099
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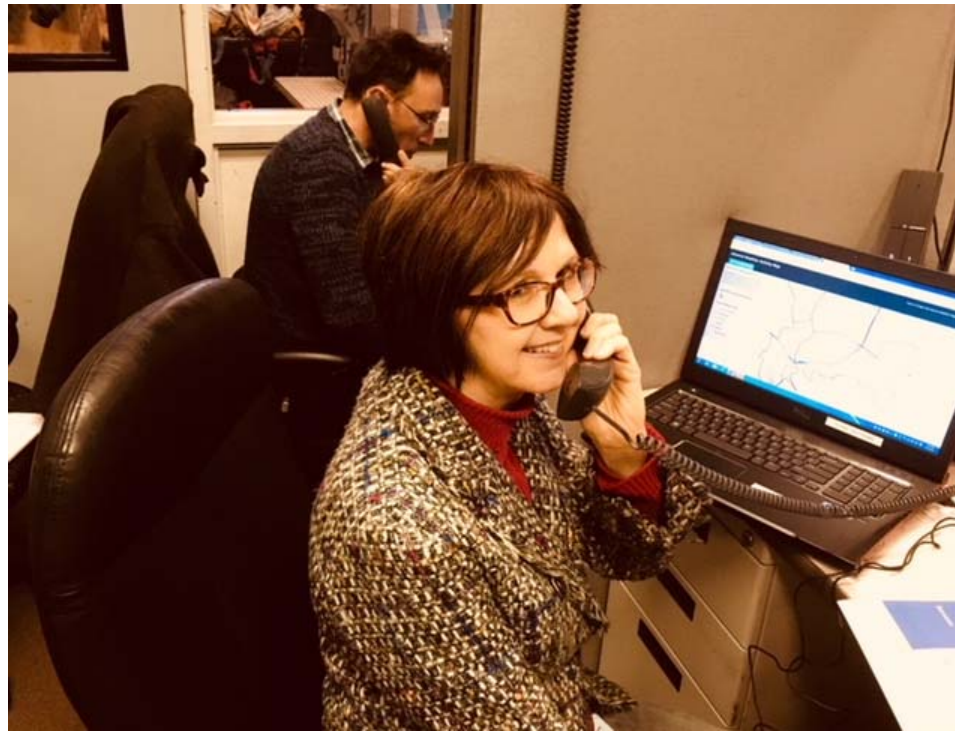
- 18 News Releases  
*4,627 subscribers (added 167)*
- 114 Tweets
- 55 Facebook posts  
*Facebook Live updates from EOC*
- 12 Instagram posts
- Frequent Website Updates  
*Green banner with highlights*
- WCHL Interviews  
*Live each morning at 6:30 a.m.*

**...didn't stop when the snow stopped**



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# Storm Call Center





**~175 Calls.....**



*Trash Collection*



# Why a Call Center?



# Moving Forward

- Continue to debrief and learn from our responses.
- Further develop the call center concept.
- Continue to refine and enhance our messaging
- Expectation Setting
- Adverse Weather Policy Refinement



# Questions or Feedback?

