

# Media Alert

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## State Patrol, MnDOT provide easier access to information during winter storms

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Beginning Friday, Jan. 27, the Minnesota State Patrol and Minnesota Department of Transportation will use the Twitter hashtag #mnstorm in all updates about winter storm events. This will make searching for road conditions and traffic information updates faster and easier for the news media.

Follow Twitter updates from State Patrol Lt. Eric Roeske (@msppio) and MnDOT (@mndotnews) to get timely information before, during and after winter storms.

To view a list of all winter weather information resources from the Minnesota State Patrol and MnDOT, visit [www.mndot.gov/safety/snowstorm.html](http://www.mndot.gov/safety/snowstorm.html).

During winter weather events, the Minnesota State Patrol can provide information about:

- Crash totals (statewide and regional)
- Vehicles off the road (statewide and regional)
- Injuries/fatalities

MnDOT can provide information about:

- Road conditions
- Road closures
- Snowplows on state highways and interstates

To look up the latest road conditions anywhere in Minnesota, go to [www.511mn.org](http://www.511mn.org).