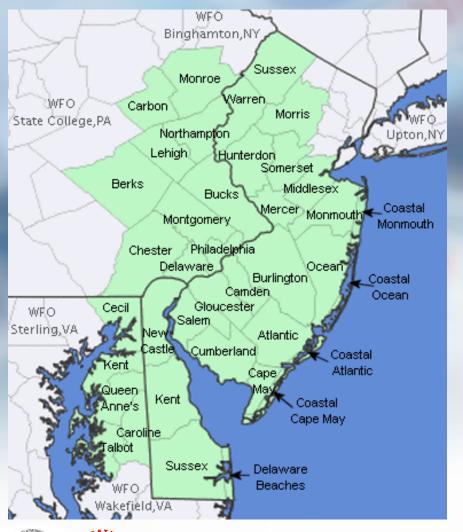
# Winter Storms January 25-27, 2015

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## **Purpose of Briefing**



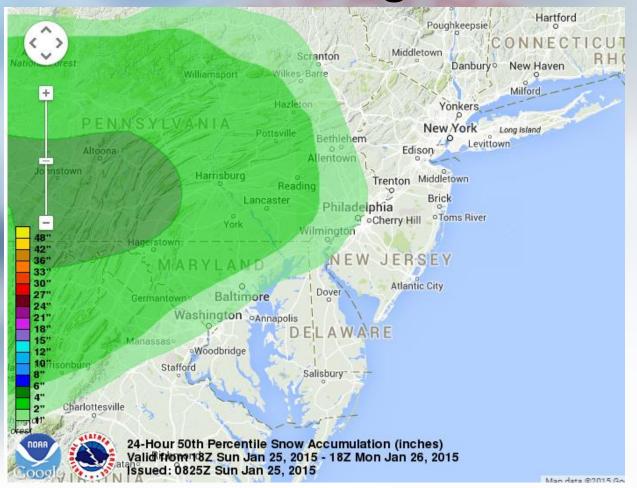
- Briefing # 4
- To promote situational awareness for the emergency management community and for other partners.
- To provide guidance for planning efforts.
- The briefing applies to the WFO Mount Holly service area which is shaded in green on the map.

#### **Executive Summary**

- Very hazardous conditions are expected from Monday afternoon through mid day Tuesday!
- A period of light snow is possible tonight, before the coastal storm brings more snow Monday afternoon into Tuesday.
- There has been a significant increase in forecast snow amounts from yesterday's forecast. There remains some uncertainty with the western extent of the highest snow totals.
- The combination of windy conditions (wind gusts up to 50 mph) and the snow will result in blizzard conditions in northeast New Jersey.
- For the rest of the region, some blowing snow is possible.
- The Monday commutes and Tuesday morning commute will be significantly affected.
- Tidal flooding is possible with the Monday night and Tuesday high tides for the Atlantic Coast and Delaware Bay.
- Very cold air sweeps in the wake of this system. Expect subzero wind chills as we move into Wednesday.
- Next briefing package will be issued by 430 PM Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>
- Monitor the latest forecast at: weather.gov/phi

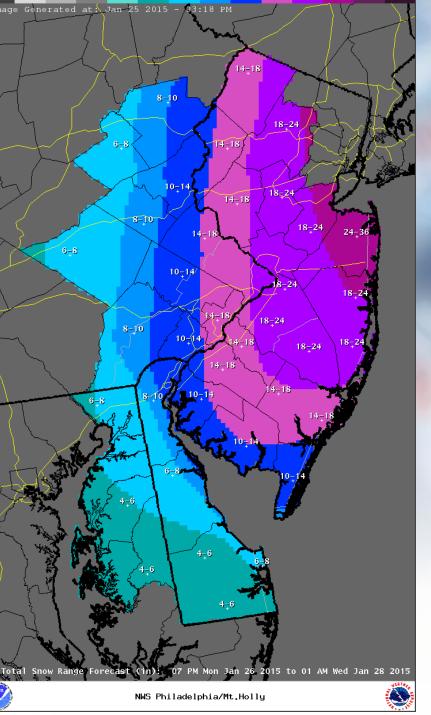


# Snow totals tonight into Monday morning



Generally 1 to 3 inches for Southeastern Pennsylvania and far northern Delmarva.





#### Snow Monday night into Tuesday Evening

Note: this does not include snow totals expected Sunday night into Monday

For the latest forecast and experimental snowfall probabilities, please visit www.weather.gov/phi/winter

#### **Blizzard Conditions and Blowing Snow**

#### **Northeast New Jersey**

- Wind gusts up to 50 mph for coastal locations
- This combined with the snow could lead to whiteout conditions at times Monday evening through mid day Tuesday
- A Blizzard warning is in effect from Monday evening through mid day Tuesday

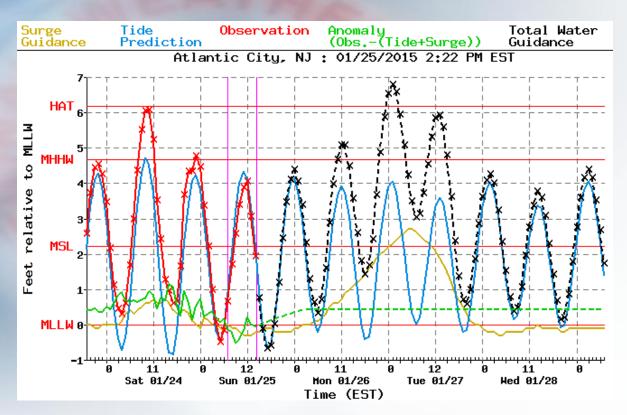
#### Delmarva, Southeastern Pennsylvania, and elsewhere in New Jersey

- Wind gusts up to 35 mph
- This could lead to localized blowing snow especially with large open areas late Monday night into Tuesday morning



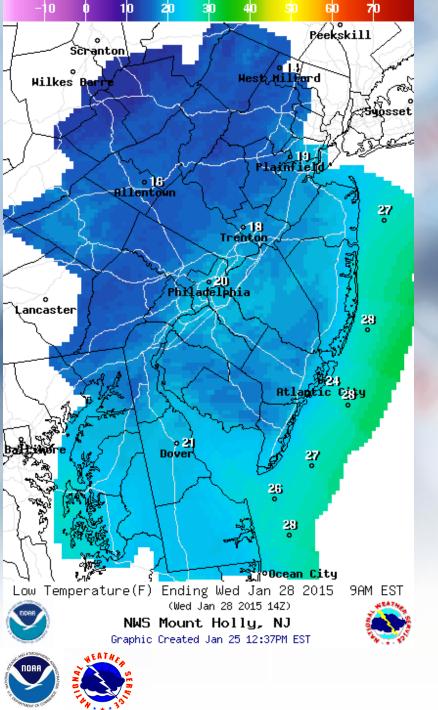
# **Tidal Flooding**

- Moderate tidal
  flooding is possible
  along the Atlantic
  Coast and Delaware
  Bay.
- Possible minor tidal flooding for tidal portions of the Delaware River
- Not expected for the Chesapeake Bay









### Cold returns!

In the wake of these storm systems, much colder air pours into the region. Low temperatures Wednesday morning will range from the single digits to lower 20s. Wind chills will be much lower.

## **Questions**?

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