

The Blizzard of 2011

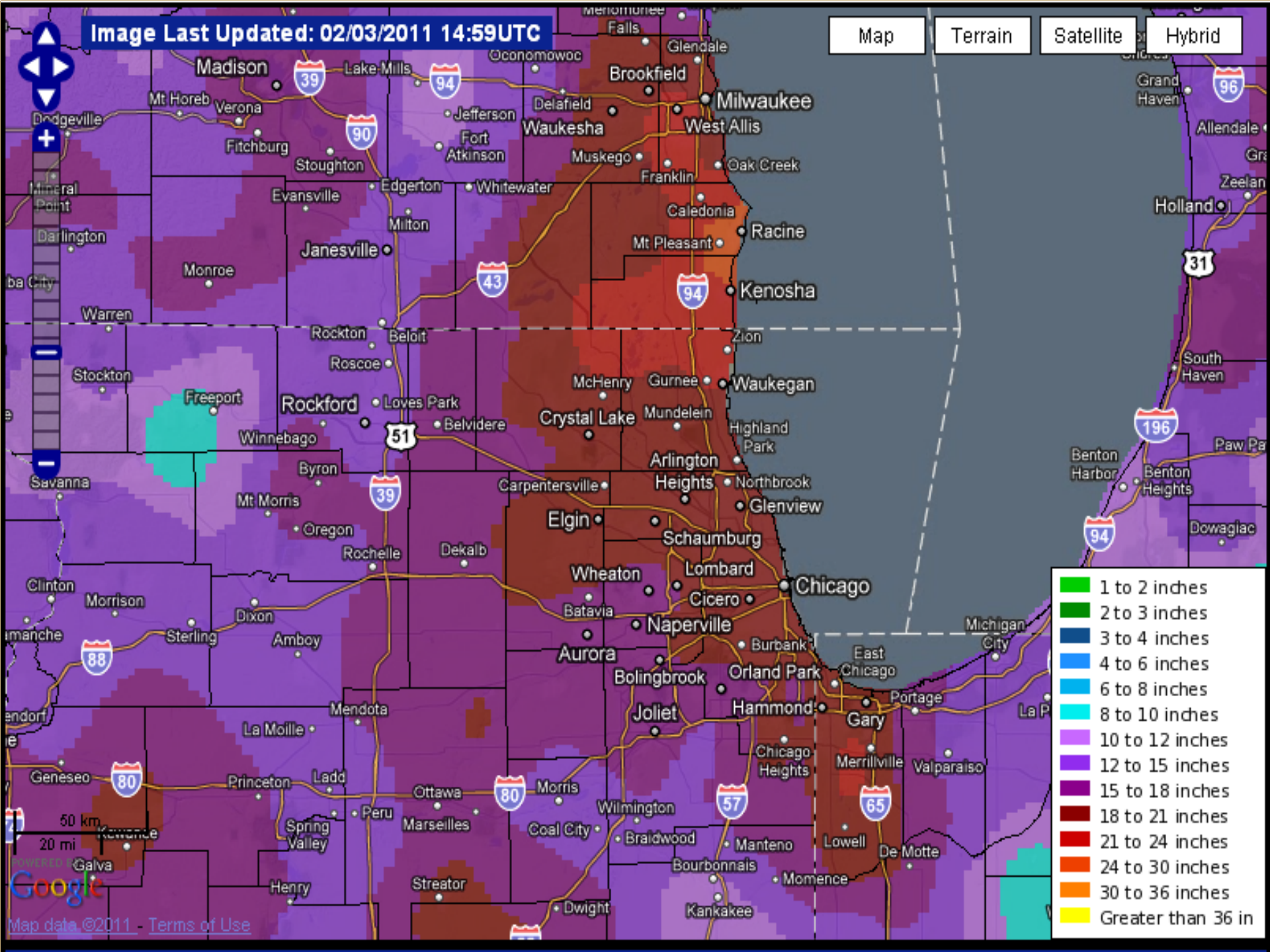


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Map Terrain Satellite Hybrid



The County's Emergency Operations Center was activated at noon on Tuesday and remained operational until 3:30pm on Wednesday.



Sheriff's Dept. instituted their Emergency Snow Plan



Roads virtually disappeared



Route 72 near Hampshire

Plank Road



Members from the Hampshire White Riders and Du-Kane snowmobile clubs were requested to assist in the rescue of stranded motorists.



OEM “Rescue Convoy” assisted in the rescue effort





Over 50 motorists were taken to safety by rescue teams





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Motorists became stranded on the County's many roadways.



KDOT had their entire fleet of snow removal equipment on the street battling 8 foot snow drifts and whiteout conditions.



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- Received 2,487 telephone calls during the blizzard.
- 395 reports of stranded motorists & crashes involving 3-5 vehicles, in some cases in excess of 10, during height of the blizzard.
- 757 storm related calls for service.
- KaneComm staffed by no less than 5 operators at any given time.

Initial Damage Assessment



FEMA



STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF KANE

RESOLUTION NO. 11-46

RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS MADE DURING THE COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO THE BLIZZARD OF 2011

WHEREAS, Kane County was the recipient of one of the most powerful winter storms in history on February 1 and 2, 2011. Snowfall totaled 20.2 inches officially at Chicago's O'Hare Airport, making it the third largest snowstorm on record; and

WHEREAS, 35 volunteers from the Office of Emergency Management, Hampshire White Riders and Du-Kane Snow Mobile Club responded during the blizzard providing search & rescue services to over 50 stranded motorists, assisted with emergency shelter operations, and provided transportation for physicians who needed to reach the hospital along with stranded Kane-Comm telecommunicators; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers, while battling 5-8 foot snow drifts, contending with total whiteout conditions, and traversing roads that had disappeared under the extreme snow fall continued to provide these services for over 23 consecutive hours during the blizzard event; and

WHEREAS, at one point during the blizzard 66 people either found shelter or were transported to the BP service station on Route 72 at Route 47 to wait out the storm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kane County Board hereby recognizes the significant contributions made by these volunteers in response to the Blizzard of 2011 and thanks them for their service to our communities.

Passed by the Kane County Board on March 8, 2011.

Karen McConnaughay, Chairman, County Board
John A. Cunningham, Clerk, County Board



A job well done!

