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**Waukesha County Eligible for \$1.2 Million in FEMA Aid
County, Municipalities and Schools to Be Reimbursed for February Snowstorm**

Waukesha, Wis. - County Executive Dan Vrakas announced today that Waukesha County government, along with towns, villages, cities, and school districts across the county, are eligible for more than \$1.2 million in winter disaster assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

At the request of Governor Doyle, and with the encouragement of Congressman Sensenbrenner, FEMA issued a winter disaster declaration for Waukesha and seven other southern Wisconsin counties hit by the major snowstorm that took place on February 5-7.

Waukesha County will receive \$209,875 for overtime, salt and other expenses related to the storm event. Over \$137,000 of that amount is for the County Department of Public Works for overtime and materials related to snowplowing activities. Other County departments eligible for reimbursement are the Airport, Parks and Land Use, Sheriff, and the Communications Center.

"I want to sincerely thank all of the public employees countywide that worked long hours to keep our roadways safe to travel. I also want to thank all the citizens that took special care to drive cautiously and carefully during the many snowstorms this past winter," stated Vrakas. "Our first major snowfall occurred last December 1 and it seemed the snow just kept falling through the end of March. These much needed federal funds will help reimburse governments throughout Waukesha County for one of our major storm events," added Vrakas.

The Waukesha County Emergency Management office will distribute disaster aid allocations to local units of government once the funds are received from the federal government.

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