

Broadcasting (BRO): Breaking News PRACTICE

Directions: you have 2 minutes to read and take notes (you may take notes on this copy; each competitor will receive a clean copy). You then have to read the script as if “breaking news” from a prompter in a 2-minute timeframe.

Remember:

- Have a sign-on/sign-off with a call sign. Consider transitions and commentary.
- Besides your sign-on/sign-off, please read ALL of the document. Please do not cut or edit the Breaking News material—read all of the material. There is about 90 seconds of performance material available.
- Your performance target time is 2 minutes.
- You will be evaluated on pacing, clarity, pronunciation of the performance, as well as transitions in and out of the broadcast.

[START] (Insert Sign-On)

→ We interrupt your regularly scheduled broadcast with breaking news from Evansville, Indiana.

A blast of snow, ice, wind and plunging temperatures stirred up dangerous travel conditions in parts of the central U.S. on Sunday, as a disruptive winter storm brought the possibility of the “heaviest snowfall in a decade” to some areas.

Snow and ice blanketed major roadways in nearly all of Kansas, western Nebraska and parts of Indiana, where the state’s National Guard was activated to help any motorists who were stuck. At least 8 inches of snow were expected, particularly north of Interstate 70, as the National Weather Service issued winter storm warnings for Kansas and Missouri, where blizzard conditions brought wind gusts of up to 45 miles per hour. The warning extended to New Jersey for Monday and into early Tuesday.

“For locations in this region that receive the highest snow totals, it may be the heaviest snowfall in at least a decade,” the weather service said early Sunday.

About 63 million people in the U.S. were under some kind of winter weather advisory, watch or warning on Sunday, according to Bob Oravec with the National Weather Service.

In Indiana, snow fully covered portions of Interstate 64, Interstate 69 and U.S. Route 41, prompting Indiana State Police to plead with motorists to stay off the roads as plows worked to keep up with the pace of the precipitation.

“It’s snowing so hard, the snow plows go through and then within a half hour the roadways are completely covered again,” Sergeant Todd Ringle said.

By Sunday, hundreds of car accidents had been reported in Virginia, Indiana, Kansas and Kentucky, where a state trooper was treated for non-life-threatening injuries after his patrol car was hit on Interstate 65. At least 600 motorists were stranded in Missouri, that state’s highway patrol said.

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