



STORM SUMMARY 1-24-18

Some light snow flurries occurred at times beginning around 2am at Rockford to O'Hare and down to Midway Airport. These flurries were off and on till midday at these stations and points north into Wisconsin. While the flurries were occurring mainly north, further south and some freezing mist was developing around Joliet and Morris 4:30-5:30am. This freezing mist advanced northward into parts of Kane, DuPage and Cook Counties just in time for the morning commute. The activity only lasted a very short time in much of the area from I88 northward, but the trace amounts of precipitation left most surfaces icy as well. Areas around I90 like Elgin had flurries start around 7:30am and only lasted for a short time after that. All of this moisture was too light for the radar to detect. The cloud ceilings were low and relative humidity levels were in the mid 90% range and with the approaching sunrise this low level moisture was sucked out of the clouds in a very light mist. Temperatures were around 27-28 degrees and pavement temps were fairly close to the air temp. The mist froze on contact. The rainfall from the previous system left no material on surfaces to prevent the icing. Even areas that had been treated on the 23rd experienced icing. The icing caused numerous accidents during the morning and even some road closures. Parts of I80 were shut down due to multiple accidents along with trucks and cars in ditches. There were numerous accidents along I88 as well early am. The freezing mist continued off and on during the morning from mainly Joliet to Romeoville.

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