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STORM SUMMARY 11-25 & 26 & 27-18

A major winter storm brought significant snowfall to parts of our area. Light rain spread into the area around 8-10pm and mixed with snow early afternoon. There was a band of heavy snow from Rockford to northern Lake County 1 to 4pm where snow amounts ranged from 4 to 6.5 inches. The main system of rain and snow spread into the area 5-6pm and changed to snow for much of the area between 6-7pm except from Chicago southward and out to Joliet. Those areas saw a changeover to snow 9-11pm. There were some reports of thunder snow from St. Charles to around Elk Grove Village which resulted in higher snow compared to the rest of the areas south of I90. Average snow amounts from I88 to I80 were 5-10 inches with 10-13 inches Rockford to northern Lake County. Amounts of 2-4 inches on average fell for LaSalle, Kendall, Grundy and Will Counties. Prior to the changeover to all snow, there was a period of sleet. Winds gusted 45-55 mph area wide resulting in downed trees, limbs and power lines. The warm Lake Michigan water temps kept snow totals down near the lake. As the snow did not diminish until 8:30 am on the 26th clean up continued throughout the day and separate cleanup and salting crews we dispatch to work overnight on the morning of the 27th to handle areas where vehicles were parked, push back piles and deiced surfaces again which had iced over due to refreezing. O'Hare had 8.4 inches which pushed the monthly total to 12 inches which is the 4th snowiest November in history. Rockford had 11.7 inches which made it the top November snow event in history and the 15.6 inches for the month makes this November the snowiest in history for Rockford.

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