





STORM SUMMARY 2-17 & 18 & 19-19

The push of warmer air into the area led to a band of warm frontal snow into north central and northern Illinois. The snow spread into the area 4-6am. There were some isolated areas that received quite a bit more snow in the morning than others which is why there is a disparity in the overall amounts. The snow diminished to a very light snow by 10-11am. This activity mixed with some freezing drizzle 2-4:30pm. Then a second band of accumulating snow moved into the area which lasted into the morning on 2-18. The freezing drizzle produced .05 of ice at Waukegan, .09 ice at DuPage Airport and .06 ice in Wheeling. There was lake effect activity that pushed down from Wisconsin shoreline into Lake, Cook and eastern DuPage Counties after 3-4am till 11am on 2-18. This lake effect was a nuisance by continuing to accumulate and repeatedly covering surfaces; this activity even stretched as far west as Geneva and St Charles. There were a few additional flurries and snow showers in Lake and Cook Counties as well. The sun came out after the lake effect stopped and really helped the salt do its job. Most areas melted off nicely but with an over night low of 9 degrees the snow pile runoff areas and puddle refreeze created a slick environment. Crews were sent back out during the overnight hours on 2-19 to provide clean up and salt all these dangerous areas. Total snowfall at O'Hare Airport was 4.9" inches which pushed the season to date total to 41", Rockford had 3.8" inches with a season total of 50", Romeoville had 1.7" inches with a season a total of 30.1" Inches.