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Good Morning All --

For days meteorologist have been experiencing much difficulty in forecasting the impact of the approaching coastal storm. As of now, forecasters have major differences on the amount of winter weather that will be experienced in the Ocean County area. Consensus forecast is the following:

1. Snow should start after midnight. Might see a coating of snow before a change over to a wintry mix before changing over to all rain late Wednesday morning. The Wednesday morning commute could be icy depending on the timing of the change over. Keep in mind the ground is very cold as a result of the frigid temperatures of the past few days.

2. It should rain during the day on Wednesday. The rain could be heavy at times.

3. The rain should change back to a wintry mix than to snow on the back end of the storm. Several inches of accumulation are possible Wednesday evening and night before ending Thursday morning. Again, the Wednesday evening and Thursday morning commute could be challenging.

This storm is very complex and much can change over the next 24 hours. Recent computer runs of various weather models are providing a more south and east track of the storm that will produce more snow and sleet versus rain. Bottom line, there is still a considerable amount of uncertainty with this storm and much could change. Regardless, the Township is prepared for any winter weather event and will respond accordingly. Will keep all updated.

Dave