Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - January 2020

Location Date/Time Deaths & Property & Event Type and Details Injuries Crop Dmg

TEXAS, South Panhandle

Cold air that filtered into the region on the day on the 10th combined with an upper level disturbance to create several bands of snowfall from late on the 10th through the morning on the 11th. Most areas on the South Plains and extreme southwestern Texas Panhandle saw up to one inch of snowfall along with a three inch snowfall report in Bovina (Parmer County). Most snowfall on area roadways melted with mild surface temperatures experienced before the cold front moved through. However, temperatures fell into the 20s early on the 11th which allowed the freezing of any moisture that remained on the roadway. These icy roadways resulted in two fatalities in Lubbock County. Emergency personnel were responding to a single vehicle rollover in the northbound lanes at the 11600 block of Interstate-27 in Lubbock County. A vehicle driving in the southbound lanes veered into the northbound lanes due to the slick conditions and struck a Lubbock police officer and Lubbock firefighter killing them both. A third firefighter was injured.

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A potent upper level low emerged across the southern High Plains on the 28th which brought minor snow accumulations to the southeastern Texas Panhandle. One heavy band of precipitation developed across the southeastern Texas Panhandle into the northern Rolling Plains during the morning hours. This band lingered for several hours before finally weakening and shifting eastward in the afternoon. The heaviest snow fell in a small corridor along and near US Highway 287 from Memphis (Hall County) to west of Childress (Childress County), where one to three inches of snow was reported.

A NWS cooperative weather observer in Memphis (Hall County) reported 3.0 inches of snowfall. An observer in Tell (Childress County) reported 2.0 inches of snowfall.

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