

Significant snow storm hits Lawrence

February 4-5, 2014

Intermittent light snow moved in from the southwest around 6am Tuesday and caused minor accumulations through 8am. Snow became steadier 8:30-9am and increased in intensity with visibility dropping below a half mile at times during the morning. Moderate to occasionally heavy snow was reported through the afternoon hours, with the exception of about an hour around 4pm when a brief lull moved through the area. In the evening, a heavy band of snow developed to the northwest of Lawrence and moved through 7-9pm as the main upper level system moved by. Snow tapered off quickly after 11pm with mainly flurries reported from 1-6am Wednesday.

Winds started out of the east-northeast at 10-20 mph, then switched to the northeast by 3pm with occasional gusts around 25 mph. Winds switched to the north and northwest by 10pm and increased to 15-25 mph with occasional gusts around 30 mph. Winds slowly decreased Wednesday afternoon to 10-20 mph then dropped to around 5 mph after sunset. Significant blowing and drifting snow was noted Tuesday night into Wednesday afternoon.

Temperatures held steady in the lower 20s through much of the day on Tuesday. Temperatures fell into the mid to upper teens after sunset then steadily dropped after Midnight into the low single digits around dawn on Wednesday. Temperatures struggled to reach 10 degrees in the afternoon.

