

THE NOR'EASTER OF JANUARY 25, 2000

The Richmond International Airport had 11 Inches of Snow from this Storm

An unexpected nor'easter hit North Carolina and Virginia on the 24-25 with between 8 to 18 inches of snow. The heaviest totals were towards the east and south of Washington. The storm was a record breaker in North Carolina, where Raleigh tallied over 20 inches of snow. It appeared that the developing storm system in the southeast would track out to sea, south of Washington, sparing the area of significant accumulation. Late in the evening of the 24th it became quickly apparent that the storm was going to take a track up the East Coast and not out to sea. It was 9:07 p.m. when the weather service issued a winter storm warning for Washington area and minute later the television networks interrupted programs with the emergency weather bulletin. The late news programs focused on the impending storm; however, many people had missed the warnings. On the morning of 25th snow began in the early morning hours and within an hour became moderate to heavy. Snow bands set up across the area from north to south. The snow was accompanied by high winds that gusted pass 40 mph, which caused considerable drifting. Reagan National Airport received 9.3 in snow Dulles Airport 10 inches, BWI had 14.9 inches and Annapolis Maryland received 18 inches of snow. Annandale-Barcroft Hills Weather Center received 10.8 inches of snow. (p. 103-106 Washington Weather Book 2002 by Ambrose, Henry, Weiss)

