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Hello Everybody;

Looks like a break in the weather this week with lower temperatures and a chance to dry things out. I am looking forward to getting out of the office again on Tuesday for a visit to the Rappahannock work area with Joe Rossetti and some of his team.

The General Assembly special session starts this week to work on the revised budget among other hot topics. The state budget projections look much less dire than they did a couple of months ago so I hope we can avoid significant impacts to the agency. We have a lot of empty positions right now and some that we have been carrying for a while. I appreciate everybody keeping things going while we await our revised budget. We are meeting today (Monday) to prioritize open positions for hiring requests so as soon as we get the green light we can move quickly.

Monday we also have the first real work session of the website committee where we will decide on the big picture functionality and the layout of our new homepage. It feels good to be making progress on many different initiatives in spite of COVID-19 and everything that goes with it. Please look at the Branch for important information about the COVIDWISE app and changes to firefighter training for this year. Keep taking care and have a good week.

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