

PGA: Unified Command press release

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To media partners:

While winds have certainly been a challenge for professional golfers competing in the 2012 PGA Championship, officials have credited the weather with abating some of the heat-related illnesses among spectators.

As of 1500hrs today, on-site medical personnel had 139 medical encounters. The most common type of medical problems ranged from abrasions and lacerations to abdominal pains, dizziness and chest pain. Only three patients required transport to the hospital.

Although temperatures were comparatively mild today and fewer people succumbed to heat, visitors are encouraged to stay hydrated if coming in the days ahead and are urged to take advantage of the modified rule allowing entrance with one (sealed) water bottle.

Traffic:

Several incidents occurred this morning causing delays, including a downed tree on River Road and a two-car accident with injuries on Maybank Highway. Officers cleared the roadway within seven minutes and closed out the incident entirely within 30 minutes. As with any large-scale event, delays can be expected. Law enforcement officers are posted at key intersections along the routes and are adjusting traffic signals to ease congestion. Additionally, Charleston Co. Sheriff's Office Air Support and motorcycle units monitor the route continuously. Parking and traffic plans are continuously evaluated.

Visitors to the PGA Championship are asked to continue demonstrating the high level of patience and consideration which they've demonstrated so far making this event a success. The next two days are SOLD OUT and PGA officials are not expecting crowds to increase anymore.

Safety is of the utmost importance to all involved around and within the Ocean Course. Visitor information can be found at www.pga2012.com.

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