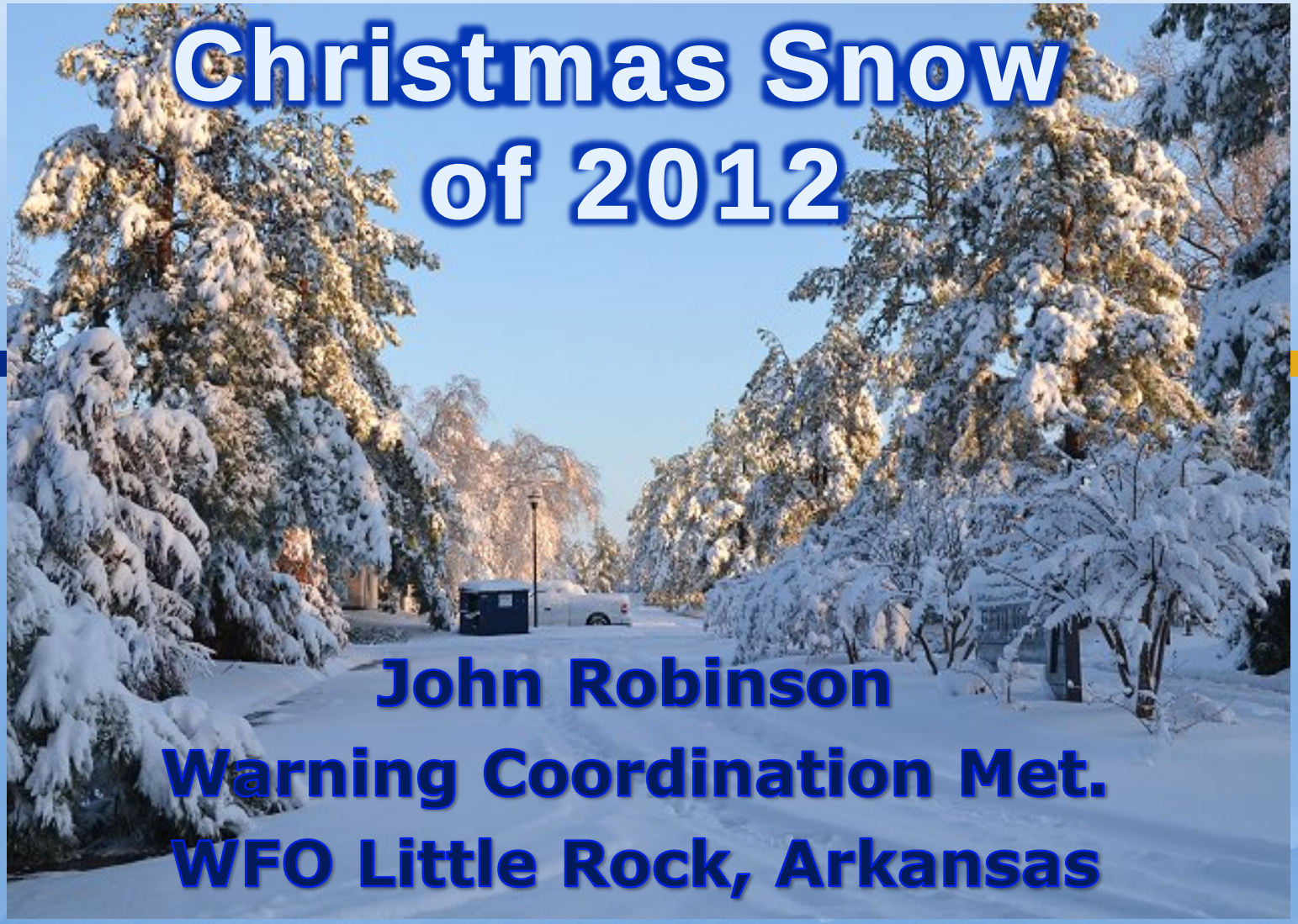

# Christmas Snow of 2012

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# Advice to EMs

- First e-mail sent on the 22nd
  - “It looks as though a good part of Arkansas will see some snow falling on Christmas Day or Christmas Night.”
  - “I want to emphasize that this weather system will bring some hazardous driving conditions to Arkansas.”

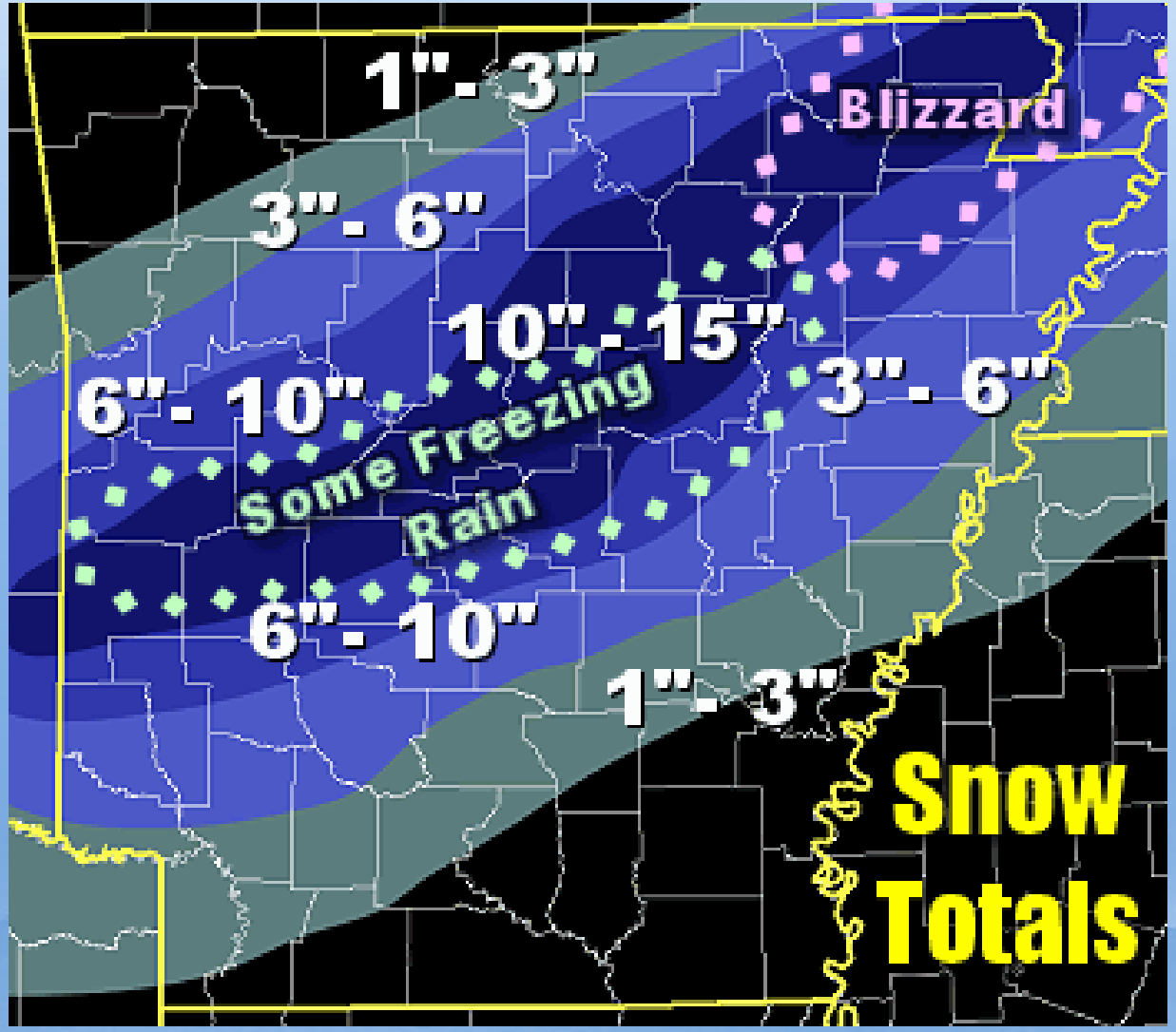
# Watches and Warnings

- First Winter Storm Watches issued on the afternoon of December 23rd
- First Winter Storm Warnings issued early on the morning of the 24th
- First ever Blizzard Warning issued early on the morning of the 25th

# The Precipitation Falls

- Northwestern half of Arkansas
  - Rain changed to freezing rain, sleet, and some snow Christmas afternoon
  - Mostly snow by evening
- Southeastern half of Arkansas
  - Mainly rain during the day
  - Changed to snow in the evening

# The End Result



# The Effects

- Only the 4th time since 1875 that measurable snow had fallen in Little Rock on Christmas (last time was 1926)
- One of the top 10 largest snowfalls in Little Rock history
- Numerous snowfall records broken in the state

# The Effects

- Winds of 20-30 mph and gusts of 35-45 mph occurred with the storm
- About 275,000 lost power in Arkansas, including around 100,000 in Pulaski County alone
- No power in 70% of Little Rock
- Little Rock estimated tree debris totaled 22,000 tons

# The Effects

- Federal disaster declared for 7 counties in central Arkansas

# My House

**Where is my machete when I need it?**