

Best Practices for Transportation During Snow Emergencies

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Government Capabilities & Resources:



- Preparation - Pre-Treat Road Surfaces (where and when conditions permit, i.e., temperature/availability); implement travel restrictions depending on storm severity (i.e., limit size, weight, and speed of commercial vehicles)
- Staff - Extend plow driver shifts, have contractors on standby (depending on forecasted severity and track); invoke mutual aid agreements with neighboring jurisdictions
- Equipment - Pre-position snowplows and salt/sand; pre-position towing/recovery agencies

Government Response:

- Enhanced training for Police, Fire, EMS, and Tow agencies along with DOT employees and other stakeholders to enable the ability to clear incidents/accidents quicker and safer
- Enhanced communications training with snowplow operators via inter-agency communication channels
- Early activation of staged capabilities and/or mutual aid resources



Public Capabilities & Resources:



- Maintain situational awareness when travelling in snow conditions
- Keep gas tank full as much as possible
- Preparation - Pack emergency supplies in vehicles
 - Such as: non-perishable snacks, water, flashlight, first-aid kit, car fluids, shovel, & ice-scraper

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



MAKE A PLAN



BUILD A KIT



BE INFORMED