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BOONE COUNTY PREPARES FOR WINTER WEATHER ON COUNTY ROADWAYS

BOONE COUNTY, KY— With the winter season upon us the Boone County Public Works Department is ready for a busy snow and ice removal season. “Our workers traditionally have done an excellent job in keeping roads clear for the public,” said Greg Sketch, County Engineer and Director of the Public Works Department. “This would not be possible without planning. Our work crews have completed training to prepare for the winter season which included truck and equipment inspections. Road safety is a top priority of the Fiscal Court, and we intend to do our part by keeping our roads as safe as possible for drivers during bad weather.”

The Boone County Public Works Department is responsible for 387 miles of roadway. Within the county there are approximately 1,900 tons of salt strategically located for de-icing efforts. The County also has 33 trucks available for snow and ice removal and they will be working around the clock to make sure that the Boone County roadways are as safe as possible.

Priority routes for snow and ice removal have already been identified. These priority route levels are generally determined based upon road classification and residents served. Generally the higher the daily traffic volume, the higher the priority.

Priority 1 – Collector roads and main industrial streets.

Priority 2 – Major subdivision streets, commercial streets and other county roads with large number of residents.

Priority 3 – Minor subdivision streets (cul-de-sacs, etc.) and other county roads with lower number of residents.

If you would like to view Boone County’s interactive Snow Removal Map you can do so by [clicking here](#).

If road conditions get too dangerous a snow emergency will be issued. Boone County Judge/ Executive Gary W. Moore would work closely with County Administrator Jeff Earlywine, Emergency Management Director Dan Maher, the Sheriff’s Department, as well as Public Works Director Greg Sketch to determine if road conditions warrant a snow emergency and if so what level.

Snow emergencies shall be defined at one of the following levels:



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Level One – Motorists are advised to use caution due to hazardous road conditions resulting from accumulations of snow and/or ice.

Level Two – Road conditions are extremely hazardous due to snow and/or ice and essential travel only is advised.

Level Three – Road conditions are extremely dangerous and travel is restricted to the following purposes; public safety and emergency personnel travel, travel to and from work if required by your employer, and travel for medical purposes or to obtain necessary provisions. Travel for any other purposes is considered to be non-essential and violations will be enforced by law enforcement personnel.

The county will use multiple communication channels to notify the public that a snow emergency has been declared.

To view Boone County's completed snow emergency policy please [click here](#).

The Cities of Florence and Walton treat streets located within their corporate limit with its Public Works personnel. The City of Union will be contracting its snow removal with a private contractor for the first time this year; previously the city has contracted with the Boone County Fiscal Court. The Boone County Public Works Department does work cooperatively with Florence, Union and Walton in treating some streets on a "first there will treat it basis".

Boone County Crews seek assistance from the traveling public as snow and ice are not the only obstacles on the road during winter. The County is asking residents to do their part. Make sure that your vehicle is ready for winter driving. That includes tires that are properly inflated and have good tread, make sure that your windows are clear of frost and snow so that you have good visibility on the roads. Also, that your wipers are in good working condition, and that your car has plenty of gas. Most of all if you do not need to be out on the roads stay off of them so that our crews can do their job more efficiently and effectively. Please slow down, drive carefully, and allow yourself extra time to get to where you are going, and finally follow at a safe distance and always buckle up!

Judge/Executive Gary W. Moore stated, "We design these guidelines to streamline our snow removal operations, ensure safe streets, and speed the clearing of county roadways. We will strive to keep Boone County moving forward."

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