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Public Works Snow Removal Procedures

**Purpose:**

The following procedures have been established to provide information to the public and establish guidelines for Public Works staff to follow in order to ensure consistent practices for snow and ice removal during and after a winter storm event.

**Action Plan:**

Snow and ice situations will be handled during normal working hours after the storm has passed unless conditions warrant otherwise. The City of Omak public works supervisors and local law enforcement are responsible for evaluating road conditions and for the call-out and the utilizing of crews under the following guidelines:

3-inch minimum snow accumulation

Extreme ice conditions

Work with law enforcement on accidents

Winter maintenance activities following an overnight storm occurring during the regularly scheduled work week will commence no later than 7:00 AM. Should an evening or weekend storm occur, a partial crew may be mobilized, if conditions warrant providing winter maintenance service on primary roads includes main arterials and hills. Service to all other roadways will be accomplished during normal workweek time periods.

**Snow and Ice Control**

**Operations:**

Generally, the following priority will be used for snow and ice removal including the final clean up after the storm event. The priority of plow operations will be as follows but may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

**Routes:**

The city’s loader and road grader cover the downtown business areas and hills.

Generally, this equipment starts in the downtown area at midnight to efficiently remove as much snow as possible from the downtown area while traffic is at its lowest to reduce risk and safety for the citizens.

Plow Trucks start at 2:00am and cover all residential areas of town including the Wildwood, Hillcrest, and northern commercial areas.

**Ice control:**

Sanding and de-icing are methods used to control ice during the course of the winter. Sand is typically applied to the city hills, curves, and intersections.

**Driveways:**

During plowing operations, it is impossible to prevent plowed snow from entering driveways. The city of Omak acknowledges and regrets this inevitable consequence of our plowing operation but it would be impossible for us to complete our scheduled plow routes if we stopped to clean every driveway.

Questions please contact:

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