



**Department of Public Works
Safety, Security and Training Division**

Safety Moment



Staffing & Training

DPW's in-house response crews have access to additional resources from other city/governmental agencies and contractors if needed.

In anticipation of any inclement weather event the Department of Public Works will employ the appropriate level of response which could include pre-treating priority bridges and priority routes as weather conditions are monitored. In such an event, crews will work 12-hour rotational shifts on a 24-hour basis as warranted by weather forecast conditions.

Table top and field level training exercises are conducted for DPW Personnel in preparation for snow/ice weather preparation.

Equipment & Supplies

The City has a total of 30 spreaders and 40 snow plows ready for mobilization based on weather conditions. With more than 1000 tons of salt/stone mix on hand, we will use spreaders to treat priority bridges and address any emergencies that may arise. We will employ 30 crews on 12 hour shifts and have access to emergency on call contractors for major responses, as needed additional 2500 pieces of equipment. Augmented snow and ice brine equipment (liquid treatment) trucks are currently in the Procurement process with expected January delivery.

Priority Routes

There are 200 centerline miles of priority route roadways including 40 bridges, 6 hospitals, and 16 Police Precincts inside the City of Atlanta. Priority routes are consistent with the functional street classification hierarchy which is based on the volume of traffic served and the connectivity provided:

- First priority routes reflect major arterial streets; (e.g. Peachtree Street, M L King, Jr. Drive, Northside Drive, and Mitchell Street)
- Second priority routes include minor arterials and collectors; (e.g. Howell Mill Road, Campbellton Road, and Monroe Drive)
- Third priority routes are comprised of minor collectors and major local streets (e.g. West Wesley, Avon Avenue, and Beecher Road)

In conjunction with completing priority routes, crews will canvass designated areas and respond to dispatched calls received from Police and other emergency personnel as well as reports from citizens. When the City is significantly impacted by weather conditions, Public Works operations will work continuously to ensure roadways are clear and passable.

Media

For media outlet video footage of emergency road crews, please contact the Mayor's Office of Communications at atlmedia@atlantaga.gov.

Temporary/Emergency Shelter

The City's Department of Parks and Recreation and the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services are on standby to open select recreation centers to serve as temporary shelters if needed.

Residents and motorists should prepare for winter weather conditions.

- Plan ahead and allow extra time to reach destinations.
- Make sure you have the proper emergency equipment in your car and home such as extra batteries for cell phones and chains for vehicle tires.
- When driving in icy road conditions, the shortest route is not always the safest. Consider less hilly routes in route planning.
- Slow down! Remember the faster you are going the longer it takes to stop.

Reporting Icy Road Conditions

To report downed trees or limbs, please call the Department of Parks at 404-546-6813 between the hours of 7:30 am - 4:30pm. After hours emergencies should be reported to 911.

To report ice or hazardous roadway conditions inside the City of Atlanta, please call 404-453-3200 or 311. For areas outside the City of Atlanta, please contact the local jurisdiction responsible for emergency operations in that area.

- Cobb County – 770.528.2600
- Cherokee County – 770.345.5842
- DeKalb County – 404.294.2900
- Douglas County – 770.949.2000
- Gwinnett County – 770.822.7400
- Clayton County – 770.477.3674
- Fulton County – 404.612.7400
- City of Riverdale – Refer to Clayton County
- City of Roswell – 770.641.3715
- City of Douglasville – Refer to Douglas County
- City of Sandy Springs – 770.730.5600