Severe Weather Events

Preparing For, Responding To, and Recovering From Snow Emergencies on Highways

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PLAN

• Establish policies and priorities
• Identify Resources
• Plan for the unexpected
• Prepare Strategies
• Practice the plan with all stakeholders
• Self Evaluation
Winter 2003-2004

- Winter Outlook
- Real-Time Weather
- Pavement Forecasts
- Weathernet Future
PRESEASON ACTIVITIES

• Prepare workers, materials, and equipment
• Calibrate chemical spreaders
• Make agreements with suppliers and contractors who can help in emergencies
• Meet important steak holders
DURING WINTER

• Use forecasts and Road Weather Data for early warning
• Provide advance notice to workers and population
• Pre-apply liquid chemicals
• Pre-position equipment and workers
DURING THE STORM

• Plow highways by priority
• Use Road Weather Data
• Reapply chemicals
• Adjust to conditions
• Keep citizens informed
DIAL 511 FOR ROAD INFO
WET ROADS
USE CAUTION
REDUCE SPEED
EXTREME STORM

• Reallocate resources
• Adjust priorities
• Use new strategies
• Use help when needed
• Don’t become distracted
AFTER THE STORM

• Re-establish important links by priority
• Repair damage
• Repair equipment
• Replenish materials and fuel
Self Evaluation

• Was the plan followed?
• Did it work?
• What improvements are necessary?
• Make changes as necessary
Lessons Learned

• Unexpected things happen
• Pre-negotiate emergency contracts
• Worker needs
• Essential services
• Special equipment
Thank You For Your Attention