

# Media Advisory

**TIME: 3:30PM**

**DATE: February 20, 2009**

## **CITY OF CINCINNATI SNOW OPERATIONS UPDATE**

**WEATHER STATUS:** The National Weather Service is calling **for tonight to be...**Partly cloudy in the evening...then cloudy with a chance of snow after midnight. Lows in the mid 20s. Southwest winds around 5 mph...becoming southeast after midnight. Chance of snow 40 percent.

### **OPERATIONS STATUS:**

- Crews have been preparing for this weekend snow event by pretreating roadways with a protective layer of brine.
- Bridges and overpasses are coated with a protective layer of beet juice and brine.
- Crews are prepared to mobilize with 55-60 vehicles this evening as the weather event unfolds. At this time, crews are prepared to work through Saturday. Weather and road conditions will continue to be monitored throughout the course of this event. Crews will adapt strategies as necessary to meet evolving conditions of the event.

### **HOW CITIZENS CAN HELP**

- Citizens should remain alert and drive with caution as winter weather can create hazardous road conditions with little or no warning.
- Whenever winter accumulation occurs, citizens should attempt to park off of roadways to enable road crews to improve the speed, quality and safety of road treatments.
- Vehicles should maintain 2-3 car lengths behind all snow fighting equipment

**NEXT INTERVIEW TIMEFRAME: 3:30PM 4:30 PM**  
**PLEASE CALL 352-NEWS TO SCHEDULE AN INTERVIEW**

### **WINTER OPERATIONS FACTS & FIGURES:**

- 19,415 tons of salt on hand at the beginning of this event
- 55-60 winter operations vehicles will be treating roadways during the course of this event.
- Salt and salt brine are the primary agents planned for using during this snow event.

Please call 591-6000 or visit our website at <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov>, for more information.

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