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Brookhaven reflects on response to second winter storm

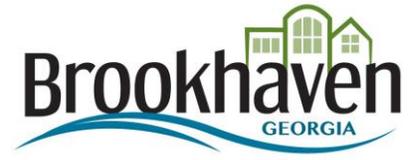
Brookhaven, GA Feb. 14, 2014 – Brookhaven City Manager Marie Garrett worked with Brookhaven Public Works, Police, Communications and Facility Management teams and informed elected officials to coordinate a timely and effective emergency response strategy as the city faced the second severe winter weather event in two weeks.

Brookhaven city staff took the following steps to ensure the safety of motorists and residents:

- Brookhaven Public Works crews set up two staging locations where they positioned equipment and resources that were dispatched to treat multiple roadways simultaneously. Crews began treating bridges and roadways on Tues., Feb. 11. They continued working for the next 72 hours to salt more than 35 miles of primary and major secondary roads in the city, including Ashford Dunwoody Rd., Johnson Ferry Rd., Dresden Dr., and East Roxboro Rd., as well as state routes, including Peachtree Rd., Buford Hwy, Clairmont Rd. and North Druid Hills Rd. Crews made a final pass over all city streets early this morning treating any leftover patches of black ice.
- Brookhaven Public Works coordinated with the Georgia Department of Transportation DeKalb County, and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency to obtain additional salt mix materials to supplement the city's own supply. Crews spread an estimated 100 tons of salt mix material.
- The city remained in communication with MARTA and DeKalb County Public Works to relay updates on road safety as it relates to sanitation service and bus routes.
- The Brookhaven Police Department worked with the public works team to identify areas that needed treatment and to close roads that were too dangerous for travel.
- Additional police officers were called in to report early for duty starting Feb. 10. Overnight accommodations were made for these officers allowing them to remain in the city during rest periods and report early for their shifts.
- Brookhaven Officers established several storm precincts throughout the city to ensure that residents would have easy access to an officer if need be. They also and monitored three emergency warming shelters for residents without power. Facility management teams stocked shelter locations with water and snacks for guests.
- The Brookhaven Communications Department worked with the city manager to issue 14 E-News notifications to residents providing updates on city hall closures and road conditions. This information was also posted on the city's social media platforms and on the home page of Brookhaven's web site, www.brookhavenga.gov.

"I am very pleased with the city's response actions during these winter storms. City staff remained in a constant state of readiness working around the clock to clear roads, update residents and ensure that the city was safe," Brookhaven Mayor J. Max Davis said. "I am happy that Brookhaven residents stayed off the streets as requested, enabling our crews to pretreat and clear accumulated snow and ice from roads much faster this time around."

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