

VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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Revised Snow Plowing Policy

The Board of County Road Commissioners for Van Buren County met at a regular meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2008 and discussed budget issues as they directly relate to winter maintenance operations. As a result, revisions have been made to the current winter operations policy. The revised policy is as follows:

1. Normal operations of the Van Buren County Road Commission are scheduled between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM Monday through Friday.
2. Each winter storm will be treated as an individual occurrence. Routine scraping and ice control will be performed during normal work hours.
3. Routine snow removal operations will begin on County Primary Roads, as a first priority. These roads include Red Arrow Highway, Blue Star Highway, and all roads with the "County Road (CR)" designation. Local Roads (streets and avenues) and roadways within subdivisions are given secondary priority.
4. Weekend operations and/or overtime operations are authorized as follows:
 - A. In the event of a snowfall in excess of four (4") inches, the most critical locations on selected County Primary Roads will be covered, as conditions permit.
 - B. Unusual ice and/or wind conditions causing hazardous driving, or impassable conditions, on the affected areas of the road system, as conditions permit.
 - C. In the event of a snowfall in excess of eight (8") inches, authorization shall be extended to cover the Local Road system of the affected area(s), as conditions permit.

In all cases, minimum crew sizes will be utilized to cover the affected areas.

5. Every effort within the physical and financial resources of the Road Commission shall be made to keep the roads in a safe and reasonable condition for public travel.

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