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### GARY SNOW TEAM READY FOR WINTER WEATHER CITY HAS AMPLE SALT SUPPLY

**Gary, Indiana**-With the early onset of winter and the official winter season fast approaching, the city of Gary Snow team is ready for the expected snow and ice.

The city's Street Department will salt streets according to the city's snow plan when the temperature falls below 32 degrees and there is snow and/or icy conditions. Following the snow and rain yesterday resulting in icy conditions on city streets this morning, snow crews were dispatched to areas throughout the city at midnight to begin spreading salt and to monitor road conditions.

Earlier this year the City of Gary purchased 5,000 tons of pre-treated salt to be spread on the city's roadways this winter. The salt purchase and the city's surplus of salt from 2017 gives the city an ample salt supply going into this winter season. As with any requests for city services, **residents are urged to report any problem areas related to snow and ice to "311," 219-881-1311 or via the city's "311" application on any smart phone.**

Residents are reminded that the city's snow team plows snow according to a snow plowing action plan. The plan is designed to be the most effective in covering the greatest number of roadways and as efficiently as possible. During snow city trucks are dispatched to main thoroughfares and primary roadways when there is one (1") inch or more of snow accumulation. Primary roadways are those leading to hospitals and adjacent to schools. Primary roadways are considered main arterial or higher traffic roadways; including hills and bridges. **NO PARKING WHEN SNOWFALL IS TWO (2) OR MORE INCHES IS GENERALLY POSTED ON THE city's main thoroughfares.**

Secondary roadways are plowed after main thoroughfares. Secondary roadways include those in neighborhoods where workers will plow once, down the middle of residential streets to prevent deep ice rutting and to keep the streets passable. Secondary roadways are consistently travelled streets and those that feed into Primary roadways. During snowfall events of six (6")

inches or more, contractors will be utilized to assist snow plowing and in maintaining mobility in the city. Alleys conditions will be evaluated last during heavier snow accumulations.

Residents are also asked to shovel sidewalks, driveways and access routes in front of residences.

**Medical emergencies or conditions should be called in to 911.**

For additional information regarding snow plowing, contact Gary Public Works at 219-881-1310.

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