

BERRIEN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

OP-7

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TITLE: SNOWPLOWING

PURPOSE: This policy deals with the process employed by the Berrien County Road Commission for the removal of snow and ice from the County road system. It is the intent of the policy to strike a balance of informing the community as to the general rules followed by the BCRC while clearing the roads while understanding that weather events are unique and unpredictable and require action on the part of BCRC which may in unique events force the modification or even suspension of these generalized rules

POLICY AND PROCEDURE:

I. Snow events:

A. The BCRC will remove snow and ice from the road system on the basis of road vehicle usage and type of road. Therefore, those roads with the highest vehicle usage counts will be done first. These will be followed by primary roads, local roads and lastly subdivisions and lake community roads. .

B. The BCRC has established a route structure covering all of the roads in the County. This route structure will only be deviated from at the discretion of the area foreman.

C. The responsibility of the road crews is to remove snow and ice from the traveled portion of the road and move the excess snow and ice unto the road right of way. In no instance will the road crews be obligated to move snow in those right of way to assist the individual homeowners.

D. Items placed in the roadway proper or road right of way (such as trash cans) will be removed in the most expeditious manner and any damage caused or cleanup required will be the responsibility of the party who positioned the items.

E. Clearing roads for medical emergencies, accidents, special road conditions, etc. has to come thru central dispatch.

II. Safety concerns

A. If weather conditions reach a point where it is deemed unsafe for the BCRC personnel, and they are to be pulled from their snow removal duties then this will be done at the sole discretion of the Superintendent.

B. Generally sand and salt will be spread at turns, hills and intersections to assist the motoring public.

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C. The BCRC does not have a bare road policy and therefore expects under normal winter operations to have some snow and ice covering the traveled portion of the road.