

OSCEOLA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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Policy for Winter Maintenance Operations

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The process of opening all roads in the county can take up to three full working days after a storm ends. Widening back and cleanup can take several more days to complete. During extended or closely spaced storms, snow removal equipment will concentrate on keeping main roads open, possibly delaying snow removal on many local, subdivision and dead-end roads for several days.

Winter Storm events come with a wide variety of conditions requiring different levels of effort to respond accordingly. Due to impact of temperatures, moisture content, and/or wind, responses will vary from storm to storm and not necessarily be triggered by any specific depth of snow accumulation. As such the Board affords its supervisory personnel wide latitude in judgment when determining the appropriate response necessary.

Overtime Route Priority and/or Level of Service

The Road Commission has established route priority for the utilization of overtime to meet the desired level of service for the roads under its jurisdiction. A map of these priority routes shall be maintained and on display at the Road Commission Garages.

First Priority:

Major Collectors: Generally these are paved Primary Roads that carry the highest traffic volumes and connect communities, commercial and/or industrial areas of the county.

Level of Service: Foremen are authorized to use overtime as deemed necessary to respond to freezing rain, ice storms, wet heavy snows in excess of 4" to 6", drifting, etc. In the event of freezing rain and/or ice, overtime operations are to cease when traction at hills, curves and intersections have been reasonably restored. In the event of snow, overtime operations shall cease after achieving a snow packed surface less than 1±" and a bare centerline two to three feet wide.

Second Priority – Minor Collectors: These are typically higher volume paved or unpaved Primary Roads and paved Local system roads that connect Major Collectors.

Level of Service: Foremen are authorized to use overtime as deemed necessary to respond to freezing rain, ice storms, wet heavy snows in excess of 5" to 8", drifting, etc. In the event of freezing rain and/or ice, overtime operations are to cease when traction at hills, curves and intersections have been reasonably restored. In the event of snow, overtime operations shall cease after achieving a snow packed surface less than 1±".

Third Priority – Side Roads: Paved Local system roads that connect Minor Collectors and paved or unpaved Local System road that connect subdivisions to Major Collectors.

Level of Service: Overtime snow removal and sanding shall be limited to emergency callout initiated through central dispatch and/or law enforcement. Crew(s) should not be kept beyond their contractual minimum callout hours. Should the emergency necessitating the callout not require the minimum contractual hours, additional work shall be assigned to occupy the remainder of the minimum call out hours.

Forth Priority – Subdivision roads, dead end roads and all remaining roads not classified above.

Level of Service: Overtime snow removal and sanding shall be limited to emergency callout initiated through central dispatch and/or law enforcement. Crew(s) should not be kept beyond their contractual minimum callout hours. Should the emergency necessitating the callout not require the minimum contractual hours, additional work shall be assigned to occupy the remainder of the minimum call out hours.

Widening back, plowing of shoulders, side roads and subdivision roads will be limited to the normal working hours established for the Road Commission.

District Foremen shall establish and maintain routes (beats) to as efficiently as possible provide for plowing of all non-seasonal county roads. These beats should be regularly reviewed and adjusted to reflect changes in road commission equipment and staffing.