



Pedro E. Segarra
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MAYOR ENACTS ROOF SAFETY PLAN FOR CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES

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(February 4, 2011)--- Hartford Mayor Pedro E. Segarra issued a comprehensive safety plan today regarding the more than 110 city-owned buildings including schools. The plan of action went into effect immediately with the cancellation of after-school and weekend school events.

“We are being proactive because Public Safety is paramount,” said Mayor Segarra.

More than 120 contracted workers will be out in force throughout the weekend to remove snow and ice from the roofs of city-owned buildings. The prioritized facilities are Bulkeley High School, Weaver High School, and Hartford Public High School because they are such large structures and many people can gather in areas such as auditoriums and gymnasiums.

“We are also hiring 15 seasonal workers. These Hartford residents will begin work on Monday to supplement our ground snow removal efforts,” said the Mayor.

The total cost of this plan of action is still being calculated but the Mayor says, “You can’t put a price tag on safety.”

In addition to the roof clearing, traffic officers will be patrolling approximately 20 intersections in the city to help manage the flow of vehicles in critical areas. This is to ensure pedestrian and vehicular safety.

With three storms in the forecast in the next seven days, property owners are once again reminded to safely remove the snow and ice from their property and not throw the snow and ice into the street.

In addition to roof clearing, street clearing procedures continue. On Monday, the “Snow Dragon” which melts snow and ice, will be used in priority areas as determined by Police, Fire, and Emergency Services personnel. This special machine is from Ontario, Canada and was used earlier this week in Waterbury. The evaporated water from all the snow and ice goes into the storm drainage system. Two premium snow blowers will also be put to use to clear emergency routes and high density areas.