



PEDRO E. SEGARRA
MAYOR

CITY OF HARTFORD IMPLEMENTS SNOW EMERGENCY PLAN

--- NEWS AND COMMUNITY STATEMENT---

(February 29, 2012) --- Mayor Pedro E. Segarra today authorized the implementation of the City's Snow Emergency Plan in coordination with City Departments and several business entities, in an effort to ensure public safety.

In response to today's snowstorm, which is expected to result in accumulations of up to five inches in the City, the Department of Public Works this morning began heavily treating those thoroughfares that experience the highest level of commuter traffic and major arterial streets that support business and commerce. While the accumulation is not expected to reach a level to warrant a parking ban, the City will be providing aggressive enforcement with regard to parking violations on arterial routes.

The City has also coordinated early release of workers with major corporations to stagger traffic leaving the City. Snow is expected to increase during the course of the afternoon, with as much as half-inch per 30 minutes. The City will release non-essential personnel of all City offices at 3 p.m. Essential City personnel, those employees required for public service, will be required to remain at work for their normal shifts. The City's Emergency Operations Center will remain open.

Crafted last year by the Hartford Fire Department and the Office of Emergency Management, the Snow Emergency Plan was developed to reduce the threat to public safety due to snow and ice emergencies by prioritizing snow removal and parking enforcement activities.

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