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Purpose

Response to requests for special assistance to emergency vehicles during ice control and snow clearing operations.

Policy Statement

*Please note: City of St. John's snow clearing policies are currently under review and revision. For current information on snow clearing practices please visit [Snow Clearing - City of St Johns](#)

1. During ice or snow conditions, and while City equipment is actively engaged in operations related thereto, the City will comply to the maximum possible extent with any request from recognized emergency response agencies for pre-clearing of routes, escorting emergency vehicles or other special assistance in instances where life, health or property is at risk.
2. All requests for emergency assistance must come through the emergency 911 system.
3. Such agencies include, but are not necessarily limited to Police Departments, Fire Departments, Ambulance Services, and the Emergency Measures Organization. Provided that the request originates from such an agency, then assistance will be provided to their own vehicles or to designated vehicles of any other public, commercial or private concern which are being operated by or for the requesting agency, or in conjunction with its own activity.
4. Such assistance will be provided only within City boundaries. If assistance is required beyond the boundaries, then the requesting agency should be advised to contact the applicable bordering municipality or the Department of Works, Services and Transportation, as applicable.

Application

Responsibilities

Department of Public Works and Parks.

Definition

References/Appendix

Monitoring and Contravention

Approvals

Department of Engineering and Works Policy Manual Item 3118. Approved by the Director of Engineering and Works July 29, 1991. Never formally approved by Council. Finance and Administration Standing Committee report - May 13, 2003; Regular Meeting of Council - May 20, 2003.

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