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City of Murfreesboro prepared to handle winter ice and snow ***City Streets Division reminds motorists during Ice & Snow: Take it Slow***

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The City of Murfreesboro is stocked and ready to clear streets of ice and snow again this winter season. The City Street Division currently has a total stockpile of 900 tons of salt and have readied snow plows and trucks for the winter season. The salt is maintained at the City’s Solid Waste facility located at 4765 Florence Rd.

“We have 35 employees who are trained in snow and ice removal, and they are ready to mobilize when winter weather hits the City,” said City Manager Rob Lyons. “Clearing our streets as quickly as possible is essential in our efforts to keep motorists safe and keep traffic moving.”

During periods of ice and snowstorms, six dump trucks equipped with snow plows and salt spreaders are used to clear the roads. The Street Division maintains a materials storage yard with a stockpile of salt each year.

“As always, we hope that we don’t have to use the snow plows,” said City Street Division Director Raymond Hillis. “But past winter storms are prime examples of why the City needs to be prepared for the worst if it happens.”

The City’s 2016-17 winter weather budget is approximately \$100,000, and includes salt, overtime for employees, and equipment maintenance. Salt is applied to streets once snow has started to accumulate.

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) is responsible for maintaining and clearing interstates and state routes, including I-24 and I-840 in Rutherford County. Travel conditions are provided by the department through several information tools.

Travelers can also access TN-511 for travel information by dialing from any landline or cellular phone or following 511 on Twitter at www.twitter.com/TN511 (statewide) or www.twitter.com/Nashville511 (Nashville area).

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TDOT and the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security remind drivers when there's Ice and Snow: Take it Slow. Stranded motorists can dial *THP (*847) from any cellular phone if they are in need of assistance on a busy interstate. Citizens should call 911 for emergency situations.

If you are involved in a vehicle crash, the Murfreesboro Police Department asks you to move your vehicle out of the roadway, if possible, to avoid secondary crashes. The non-emergency number for the MPD is 615-893-1311.

For more information on TDOT's "Snow and Ice Facts," visit <http://www.tn.gov/tdot/topic/ice-snow>. For information on the Murfreesboro Streets Division, contact Superintendent Raymond Hillis at 615-893-4380 or rhillis@murfreesborotn.gov.

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1. Ice and Snow, Take it Slow.jpeg

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