



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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DEPARTMENT OF
TRAFFIC & PARKING

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George Teso
Director

PRESS RELEASE IMMEDIATELY:

At a meeting held by the Department of Public Works, Police Department and the Traffic and Parking Department of the City of Cambridge to discuss and prepare plans for the plowing and snow removal operations this winter, the following plans and decisions were made.

1. It was decided that from our previous experience in snow plowing and snow removal operations that a stricter enforcement program was needed along with more equipment on the streets.
2. A plan of operation was designed to go into effect upon the declaration of a Snow Emergency by the Traffic Director. This plan is a simple one but should prove most effective providing all the Departments involved do their job. The City will be divided into ten (10) sectors with a Department of Public Works foreman in charge. Assigned to each sector will be a police officer who will enforce the laws. A command post will be set up at the Department of Public Works to control and monitor all the snow plowing and snow removal operations.
3. In the past, it has been the policy to plow the Municipal Parking Lots last. This year, this procedure will be reversed and the parking lots will be plowed first to allow citizens to park there.

Although these procedures and plans are designed to do the job, the most critical part of this plan will be the cooperation of the people of Cambridge, along with the Departments responsible for the snow plowing operations. There are some basic rules that should be followed to insure that all emergency

vehicles have access to all areas of the City and that our snow plows can plow the streets. If all the people who park in violation of the laws realize that by removing their vehicles as soon as an Emergency is declared, the faster the streets can be plowed and the faster the Snow Emergency can be removed.

Anytime during the winter months that snow is forecast, listen to the radio and television. We will make frequent announcements concerning Snow Emergencies. Familiarize yourself with the signs posted on your street. Every street in the City is posted with Snow Emergency signs. Do not park on that side of the street. You must also remember that these emergency regulations are added to the existing regulations.

As soon as the Snow Emergency is declared over, you can return to the street and park.

It may be necessary after a Snow Emergency is over to designate streets with temporary emergency snow removal signs and any vehicle obstructing this operation will be towed.

During a Snow Emergency listen to the radio or watch television for announcements and if you have any questions concerning Snow Emergencies, the Department of Traffic and Parking will be open 24 hours a day to answer them or refer you to someone who can. The telephone number of the Traffic Department is :

876-6800, Ext. 314

I must also warn the parker who violates the Snow Emergency regulations that any motorist who is parked illegally during a Snow Emergency will be tagged and towed. If your vehicle is towed, it will cost you \$15.00 for the parking ticket, \$25.00 for the towing charge and \$2.00 per day for storage. This means that if your car is towed during a Snow Emergency, it will cost you \$42.00.

Thank you for your cooperation.


George Teso
Traffic Director

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Comm. from George Teso outlining the procedures to be followed in the event of a snow emergency

In City Council,

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