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### **CITY OF GARY IMPLEMENTS CITY'S SNOW PLAN FOLLOWING WEEKEND FORECAST RESIDENTS URGED TO USE 311 SYSTEM TO REPORT ICY CONDITIONS**

**Gary, Indiana**-The City of Gary's Public Works Department and snow team implemented the city's snow plan this weekend following the prediction of rain, snow and extreme temperatures conditions after midnight into Monday.

In anticipation of icy roads conditions, the General Services snow team began operating in 12-hour shifts Sunday at midnight and all snow partners including the Gary Sanitary District, Fire, Police and Parks were activated. The city's command center located at 900 Madison Street was operational at 7:00 a.m. Monday.

While city trucks begin salting streets Monday, the city is aware that some streets are worse than others and are in need of additional salting. The city's Plow Quality Control Team continues to assess and monitor city streets, bridges and overpasses. Residents may also report icy streets or areas to the city's 311 system at 219-881-1311 via the city's website; <http://www.gary.in.us> or use the 311 app from a smartphone.

As winter weather conditions have arrived, General Services is prepared for the winter season with equipment and an ample salt supply. The city reminds residents that during snow removal, the city plows main arteries first. Also, vehicles parked on snow routes when there is 2 or more inches of snow are subject to towing.

Residents are also reminded that Warming Centers are available in the city during inclement and extreme weather conditions. Warming Centers are Brothers' Keeper, 2120 Broadway, Calumet Township Center, 1900 W. 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Oak Street Health, 4900 Broadway.

Additionally, it has been also brought to our attention that a city truck was observed plowing on private property. Thanks to the citizen who made the report and to the city's GPS system, residents can rest assured that this personnel matter is taken seriously and is being handled expeditiously.

For additional information about the city's snow plan, contact the Public Works Department at 219-881-1310 or visit the city's website.

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