



Illinois Department of Transportation

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SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL ON STATE HIGHWAYS

COUNTY ENGINEERS/SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS
MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS/DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC WORKS/MAYORS
CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Due to budgetary constraints and availability of salt, the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) Bureau of Operations has modified IDOT's snow and ice management practices for this winter season. In addition to updating training for employees, calibrating equipment, and monitoring storms, IDOT has changed the level of service (LOS) for ending storm events on state highways.

- Interstates, expressways, and routes with Average Daily Traffic (ADT) > 10,000 = LOS Code 1 (Bare Pavement)
- Routes with ADT between 5,000 and 10,000 = LOS Code 2 (Scattered Slippery Spots)
- Routes with ADT < 5,000 = LOS Code 3 (75% Bare Pavement)

Other changes include utilizing partial crews for the night shift and limiting the salting of shoulders. Because of these changes, the department will staff the snow desk through the night to handle questions. Winter weather road condition reports will continue to be provided on the department's website or by calling 1-800-452-IDOT (4368).

The department maintains its commitment to public safety and will continue to make the roadways safe and passable this winter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles J. Ingersoll".

Charles J. Ingersoll, P. E.
Engineer of Local Roads and Streets

cc: District Operations Engineers