



City of Flagstaff

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Winter Storm Snow Operations Update

FLAGSTAFF, AZ — In January 2017, Northern Arizona and the City of Flagstaff experienced a series of three significant winter storms, ranking in the top ten winter storm events in Flagstaff history. During this series of three storm events, the amount of total snowfall recorded at the Flagstaff Airport totaled 37", significantly impacting schools, businesses, and operations in the City of Flagstaff. Flagstaff received up to 45" in the northern part of town. Total snowfall at the Airport for this winter season has been 64.1" with 43.6" of that falling in January alone.

The City of Flagstaff Public Works Department utilized the following resources in keeping our transportation system open, safe, and passable during this series of winter storms:

- 40,000 miles of plowed roadway
- 15,000 yards of spread cinders
- Nearly 200 truckloads of snow were hauled from downtown Flagstaff during after storm cleanup.
- 17 plow and cinder trucks as well as 9 road graders worked 24 hours a day for 8 consecutive days, for a total of 16 straight 12-hour snow shifts.
- 6,000 hours of people and equipment power.
- Snow was removed from 40 miles of City maintained sidewalks, 62 parking lots, 16 miles of alleys, City facilities, including Heritage Square, and berm relocation assistance.
- City Fleet services maintained all Emergency Operation equipment on 24 shift during this series of snow events.
- Approximately half of the total annual snow operations budget for the City of Flagstaff was utilized during this most recent series of snow events.
- This was a City wide effort for all Emergency Response divisions in keeping our residents safe and utilities served.

At this time of year City infrastructure experiences a daily freeze-thaw cycle. City crews continue to cleanup problematic areas and repair damage to our infrastructure and the community is advised to be aware of roadway ice and the damage caused to our roadways (i.e. potholes.)

As a reminder, the Winter Parking Ordinance prohibits overnight parking on city streets from November 1 through April 1 with no parking on city streets or alleyways from midnight to 7:00 a.m. This allows Street Section crews to thoroughly plow streets for your safety.

The City of Flagstaff would like to thank all Citizens for their work and efforts throughout this series of storm events. This storm represents to all of us a reminder that we live in the seventh snowiest place in the Country and shows our level of preparedness in responding to such significant weather patterns.

For more information about snow operations visit www.flagstaff.az.gov/snownews.

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