

## **Snow & Ice Policy- Winter 2015**

### **Beavercreek Township Road Department**

Due to the shortage of salt supply this winter, we are forced to make changes in the way we operate during snow and ice events. Beavercreek Township Road Department has around 700 tons of salt available for use during the entire winter season, which is roughly 75% of what we use in a typical winter season.

Based on the above, the road department will be doing all we can to conserve what material is available. This will be accomplished by prioritizing the roads in the unincorporated area into primary and secondary roads. Primary and secondary roads will be treated as in any year with an initial minimum application of material. Following the initial application, current weather, forecast and existing road conditions will determine if the secondary roads receive any more material until after the storm has passed. We will continue to cover all routes in our normal progression, but secondary roads may only receive plowing. Also depending on the storm and forecast, there may be storms where we only treat hills, curves and intersections.

The policy goal is to attempt to have all roadways as safe as possible and passable. Our second goal is to have cleanup efforts completed in twelve (12) hours after the storm has ended. It is important to note that this may mean that all roads will not be black. At \$99 per ton for salt this year we cannot afford a black road policy as in the past.

**Primary roadways-** consist of Ankeney, Heller, Distribution, Space, Beaverpark, Heller, Orchard, Yellow Brick, Valley, Dumpford- Airport Road, Haines, Hilltop, Factory, Sheperd, subdivision collector roadways, Fire House ramps.

**Secondary roadways-** consist of all other roadways in the unincorporated area under our jurisdiction and all other public buildings.

It will be the further policy of this department to apply half of the salt we have on hand as straight salt with liquid. Once we have used half of our current inventory,

or if there is an ice event or consistent drifting prior to that point in time, we will mix the salt with grits, 50/50 and increase Beet Heet liquid.

**In summary:**

- We will be changing our policies and procedures to accommodate the circumstances brought on by the salt industry.
- This department will be doing what we can to insure the safest possible driving conditions with what materials we have available.
- The public must be prepared to drive on snow covered roads this winter as we cannot apply what we don't have.