



## LINCOLN POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDERS

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**TOPIC:** SNOW EMERGENCIES  
**ISSUED BY:** TERESA EWINS, CHIEF OF POLICE  
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### I. POLICY

The Lincoln Police Department will assist other agencies in coordinating activities during all phases of a declared snow emergency.

### II. PROCEDURE

#### A. Notification of Snow Emergencies

1. Snow emergencies are declared by the mayor. The Mayor may declare three types of parking bans:
  - a. Snow emergency
  - b. Snow removal district
  - c. Residential
2. The duty commander will be notified of the declaration by the Mayor's Office and will inform personnel of the snow emergency.

#### B. City Snow Removal (61.3.2)

1. Icy street conditions exist due to freezing rain or snow. Sanding operations are implemented.
  - a. Beat officers should provide headquarters with information on the condition of hazardous intersections, streets, and overpasses.
  - b. Public Works will begin sanding operations, concentrating on priority intersections and problem areas.
2. Snow accumulation of approximately two inches. Snow removal begins and parking restrictions are declared on Snow Emergency Routes.
  - a. Vehicles in violation shall be issued citations for being "Parked on Snow Emergency Route."
  - b. Vehicle towing is authorized at the request of Public Works.
3. Snow accumulation of over two inches. Snow removal and parking restrictions on arterials and bus routes.
  - a. Vehicles in violation will be issued citations for being "Parked on Arterial and/or Bus Routes."

b. Vehicle towing is authorized at the request of Public Works.

4. Snow removal is extended to residential streets. Parking is banned on either the odd or even numbered side streets on all residential streets.
  - a. Odd-Even Parking Ban: Vehicles in violation will be issued citations for "Parked Wrong Side Residential During Snow Emergency." Note which ban was in effect, odd or even.
  - b. Vehicle towing is permitted in residential areas at the request of Public Works.

#### C. Snow Emergency Center

1. The Snow Emergency Center operates at 901 W. Bond Street and is staffed by personnel from Public Works and Lincoln Police.
2. Field operations related to the emergency will be coordinated from the Snow Emergency Center.
3. During a declared emergency, the duty commander may assign a department member(s) to staff the center.
4. Information concerning crashes, towing, citations, and street conditions will be gathered by the department public information officer and forwarded to the Citizen Information Center for dissemination to the public.