

ODOT snow-fighting fleet ready for winter

More than 1,600 plow trucks will clear snow and ice in Ohio

COLUMBUS (Tuesday, October 3, 2017) - Each of the Ohio Department of Transportation's 1,629 trucks is receiving a 150-point check as part of the department's annual county-by-county Operational Readiness Inspections. This allows ODOT's 262 mechanics to ensure snow-fighting equipment is in top shape before the snow begins to fall.

"It is our intention to be the standard of excellence for winter maintenance. Removing snow and ice from our roads and highways is extremely important and our most visible function," said ODOT Director Jerry Wray. "The men and women of ODOT take great pride in making sure our roads are clear for safe travel."

ODOT measures the success of snow removal by looking at the percent of priority routes that recovered speeds within two hours of a snow event. Last winter, our crews met this goal 98 percent of the time.

Last year, ODOT's snow plow trucks were driven 6,860,696 miles plowing and pretreating roadways. That's like 275 trips around the Earth. Crews used 600,451 tons of salt and 12,056,596 gallons of liquid deicers to treat 43,479 lane miles of roadway.

While we work hard to clear snow and ice, we need your help as well. ODOT plows were struck 35 times in 2016. Please be sure to give our drivers plenty of room to work. Plow trucks typically drive much slower than other traffic, so be extra alert when driving near them.

You can monitor real-time traffic conditions, more than 600 live traffic cameras, and get customized traffic alerts with ODOT's free mobile app - [OHGO](#). The app is available on the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#).

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