

VIRGINIA'S BEST PRACTICES SNOW BRIEFING

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Welcome WINTER!





OBJECTIVE

- For a typical 2-4 inch snow fall, goal is to make a pass in all subdivisions within 24 hours after the storm has ended.
- For a typical 6-inch snow fall, goal is to make a pass in all subdivisions within 48 hours.

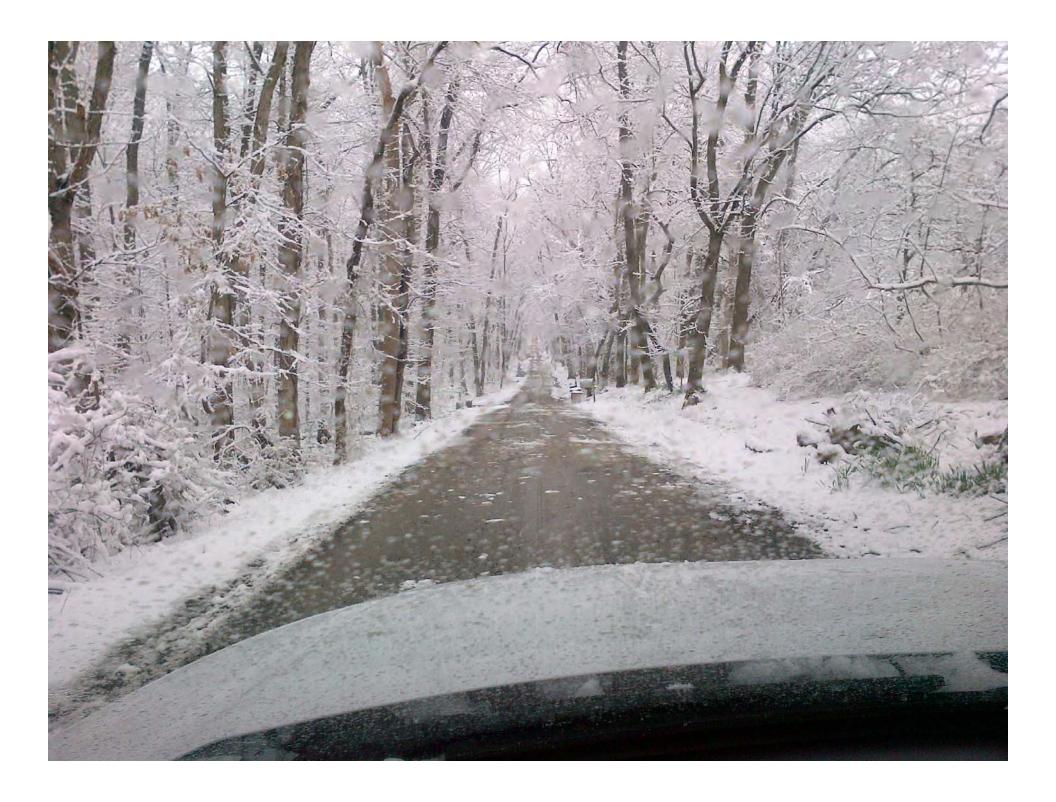




BACKGROUND

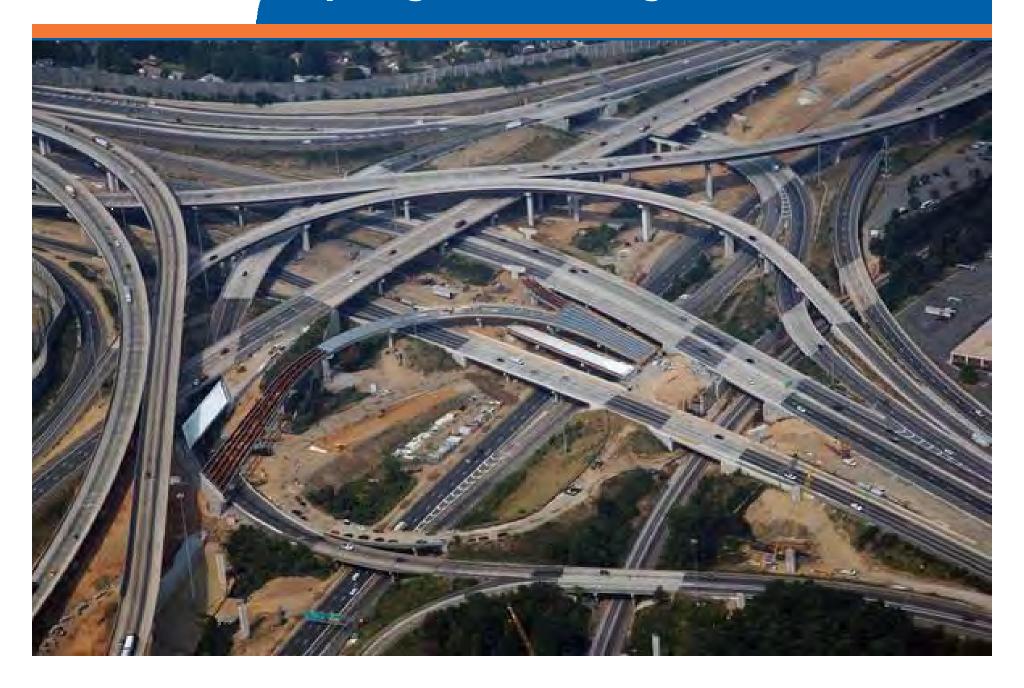


- Mountains & Coast
- Interstate Roadway
- Primary Roads
- Secondary Roads
- Low Volume
- Extreme Congestion





Springfield Mixing Bowl





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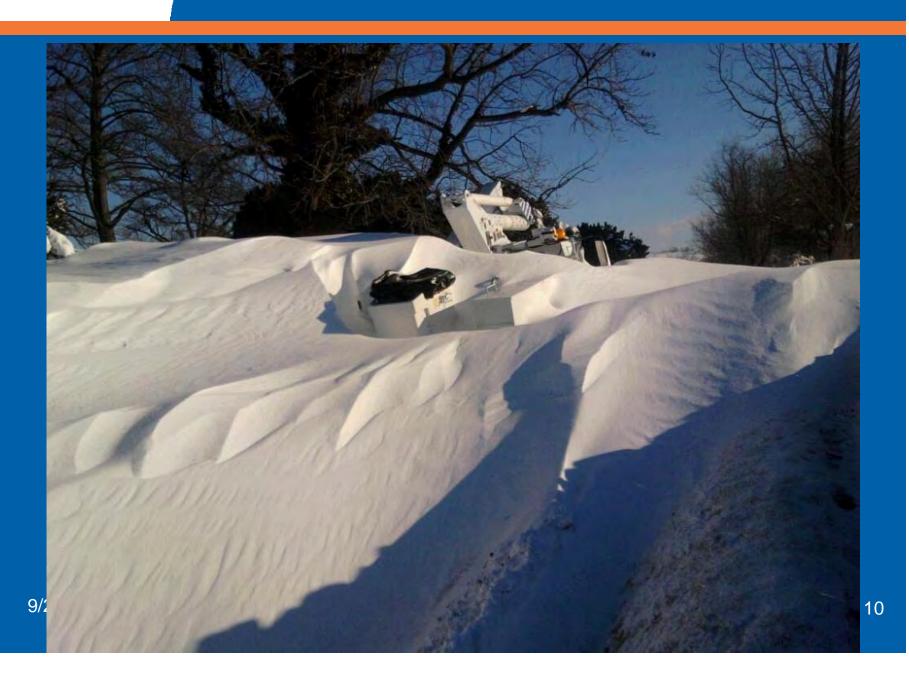


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BACKGROUND



•Snow Budget - \$145M

•Equipment - 10,386

•State Equipment 2,424

•Contractor Equipment 7,962

•Salt 340,000 tons

•Sand 95,000 tons

•Liquid 576,000 gals

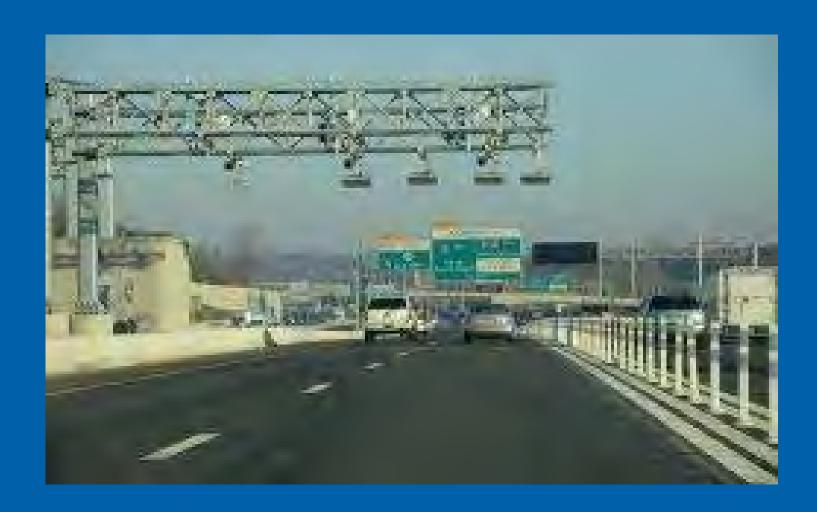


What's NEW for This Winter?

- Express Toll Lanes
- Public Web Access to Road & Street Condition Status
- More Snow Trucks & Equipment
- More AVL Equipped Equipment
- More Anti-Icing Capacity
- More Salt Capacity
- Mobile Weather Stations
- Exceptional Regional Cooperation



EXPRESS TOLL LANES





POWER FLUSH TRUCKS





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Treated Mine Water = Road Salt





Snow Fighter Truck



- •Custom made by VDOT
- •Full Liquid capacity is 5,000 gallons
- •Granular and liquid capability
- •Each of the ten tanks can be accessed independently; unit has the ability to carry 10 different blends of liquid treatments
- •Unit can apply liquid to three lanes



REAL TIME CONDITION PATROL VEHICLE



- Real Time Mobile Road Weather Condition System
- •Road Surface Temp, Air Temp, Dew Point, Relative Humidity
- Layer Thickness and Road Condition (GRIP)



Chemshield





SNOW CONTRACTING TOOLS

- Service Contracts
 - Roads & Parking Lots
- TAMS Contracts
 - Interstates
 - Self-Directed & VDOT Directed
- M7B Contracts
 - Hourly Contracts
- On Call Contracts

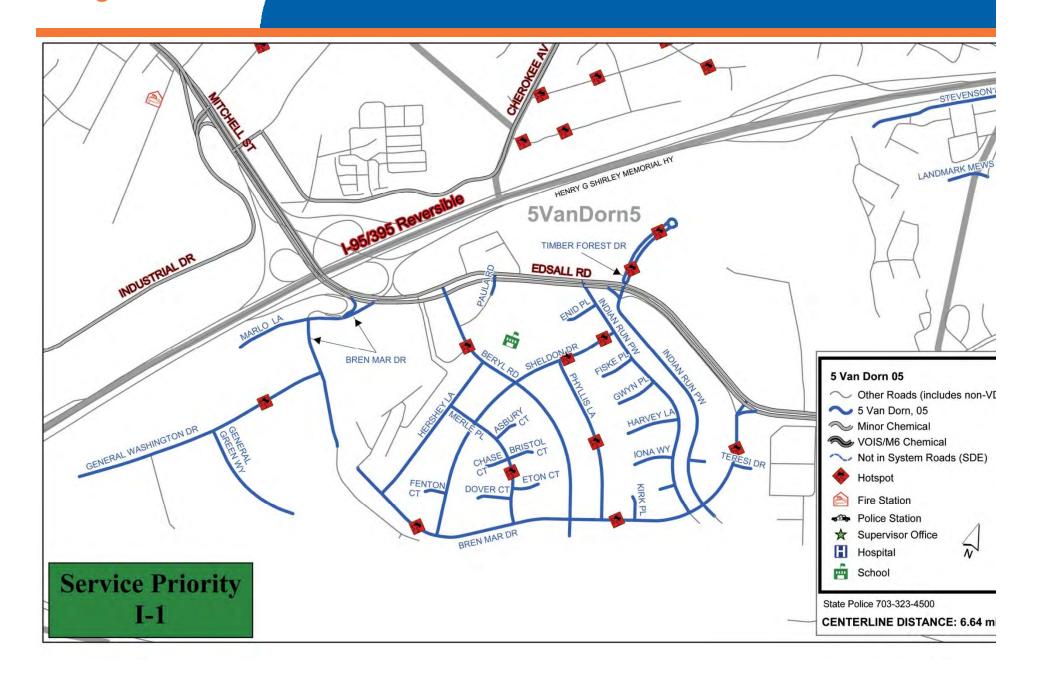


BEFORE AN EVENT

- National Weather Service
- Meridian Weather Service
- Road Weather Info. System (RWIS)
- Mobilization Plan
- Incident Command
- Pre-Treatment/Anti-Icing
- Pre-Staging of Equipment



NoVa SNOW MAP





Automatic Vehicle Locator Program

- novasnowplowing.virginia.gov
- VDOT NOVA has an AVL program to better monitor trucks using fewer monitors out on the road
- Over 2,000 vendors have enrolled over 4,000 pieces of equipment in the program.
- Vendors sign up directly with Network Fleet, purchase their equipment, and give VDOT access to view their trucks on the internet between December and April



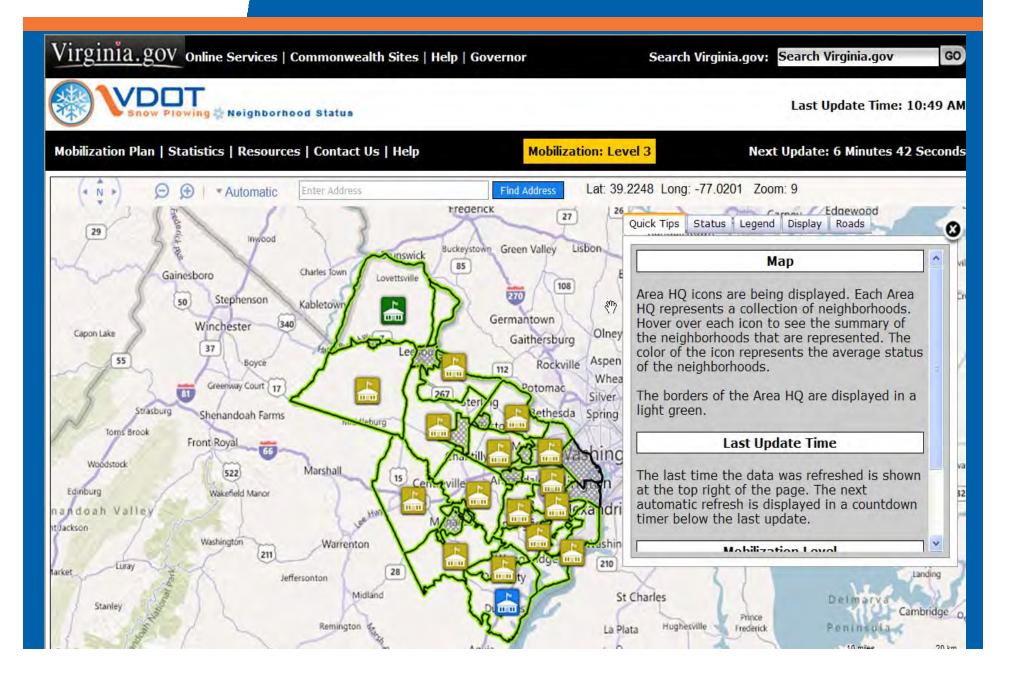
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Advantages of the AVL program:

- VDOT is able to locate which plow truck is closest to respond to a problem or emergency for faster service
- VDOT will be able to more quickly determine whether a plow has been on a road/street
- VDOT will be able to accurately and quickly research questions related to vendor performance

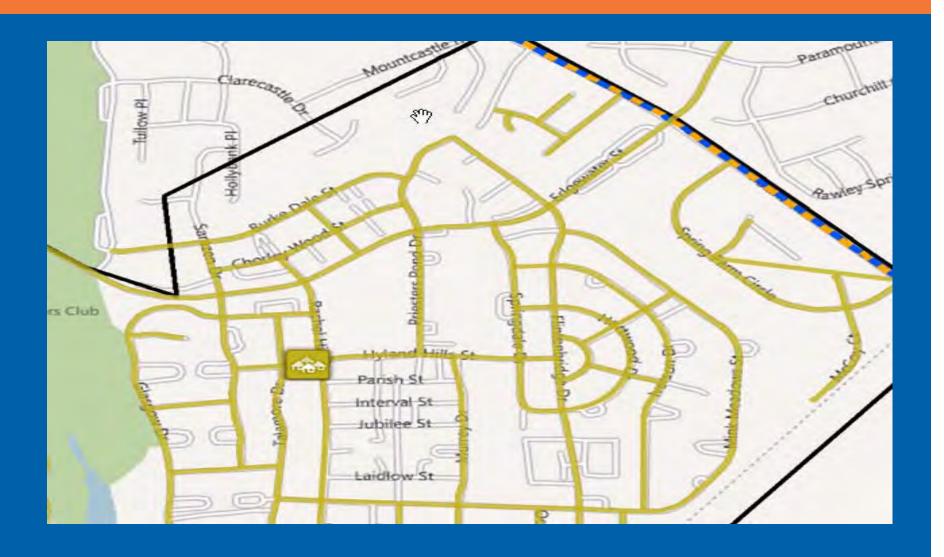


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Automatic Vehicle Locator Pilot

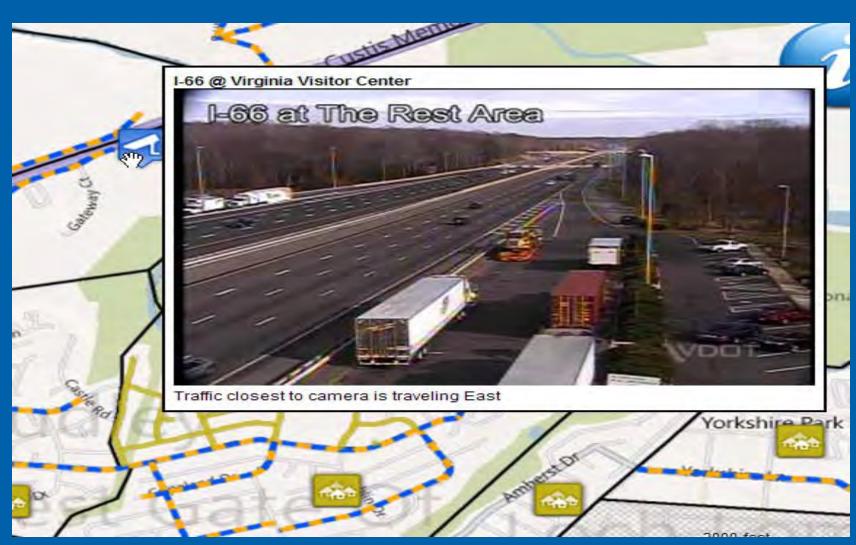


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Interstate Cameras





HOW CITIZENS CAN HELP!

- When shoveling driveways, leave the last 5 feet of snow at the curb until after the plow has passed.
- Shovel to the right facing the road
- Park on the odd numbered side of the street
- Park in driveways
- Allow room for the plow to come through
- PLEASE STAY OFF ROADS
- TELEWORK



Communication: A Layered Approach

Public

- Call 511 for road conditions
- Visit 511virginia.org for road conditions and traffic cams
- Follow @511northernva on Twitter for road conditions and accidents
- Visit www.YouTube.com/VDOTweb for snow removal tips
- Visit <u>www.VirginiaDOT.org</u> for news and road conditions
- E-mail <u>novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov</u> or call 1-800-FOR-ROAD to report unplowed roads

Elected Officials

Detailed updates from District Liaisons



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