

## **Media Advisory – Dec. 28, 2008**

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### **Road crews make headway clearing snow, ice**

Snohomish County Road Maintenance crews have begun clearing secondary streets and more residential areas, allowing for increased access in and out of neighborhoods throughout unincorporated parts of the county.

Crews continue to work around the clock. Since Dec. 13, about 160 Road Maintenance employees have worked 12-hour shifts nonstop – including Christmas day – to clear snow and ice from roads.

“We’re making strong headway on the roads throughout Snohomish County,” Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon said. “County road crews are working diligently to provide safe road conditions for our residents.”

Since snowfalls began two weeks ago, the county’s departments of Emergency Management and Public Works have received hundreds of requests from cities and residents to plow streets.

Beginning Monday, residents are encouraged to call Road Maintenance directly at 425-388-7500 or e-mail [Contact.PWRM@snoco.org](mailto:Contact.PWRM@snoco.org) to report dangerous road conditions.

Snohomish County’s Road Maintenance Division is responsible for more than 3,600 road lane miles. Crews have cleared more than 50,000 miles of lanes, repeatedly clearing arterials during each snow event.

“There’s still work to be done, so we’re asking people to remain patient as we continue plowing,” said Steve Thomsen, the county’s Public Works director.

About 35 county plows, sanders and graders will remain in use as needed.

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