



ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE GENERAL ORDER HAZARDOUS HIGHWAY SITUATIONS



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PURPOSE: The purpose of this General Order is to ensure the safe movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the roadways in Orange County.

I. POLICY.

A. In order to ensure safe and efficient roadways within the County of Orange, Deputies shall report any highway or traffic hazard observed during their tour of duty.

II. PROCEDURE.

A. When a Deputy observes a highway or traffic hazard, which is of a nature that the Deputy cannot immediately rectify, Orange 911 Communications shall be notified immediately.

1. Upon receiving notification of a hazard, Orange 911 Communications personnel will notify the appropriate agency and advise of the hazard.
2. The reporting Deputy will be responsible to ensure that an entry is made into the Impact Records Management System when the road condition presents such an immediate danger that the Deputy must stand by for the appropriate agency to respond and rectify the situation.

III. HAZARDOUS ROAD CONDITIONS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

- A. Snow/Ice on road
- B. Traffic control devices not operating properly
- C. Dangerous holes or ruts in roadway
- D. Trees or limbs down
- E. Electrical or communication lines down
- F. Water leaks or water main breaks
- G. Traffic control signs down, damaged or missing
- H. Construction sites that are not properly barricaded or lit, etc.
- I. Obstructed views at intersections
- J. Absence of pavement markings
- K. Disabled vehicles
- L. Any other unforeseen dangerous or hazardous conditions
- M. Debris and other obstacles

1. Deputies are to remove small debris or other obstacles that may be easily removed from the roadway.
2. Deputies may utilize barricades, flares, cones or other temporary traffic control devices.

IV. RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES.

- A. Local Police Agencies and or NYSP
- B. Local Highway Departments
- C. Local Water Departments
- D. Orange County Department of Public Works
- E. NYS Department of Transportation
- F. Orange and Rockland Utilities
- G. Central Hudson Utilities
- H. Local Fire Companies
- I. Local Ambulance Corps or Mobile Life Support Services
- J. Verizon or Frontier Communications
- K. Cable TV Providers
- L. Authorized tow agencies

***REFERENCE:
ACCREDITATION STANDARD 47.6***