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Press Release

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City Snow Removal Crews Have Been Working Around the Clock

South Lake Tahoe, CA (January 4, 2017) - The City of South Lake Tahoe's Snow Removal crews have been working around the clock to clear snow on city roadways. The City utilizes eight motor graders (one in each zone), two sander/plow trucks, and several loaders in its operations. Use caution when driving near, behind, or within the area of snow removal equipment, stay alert for stops and reversing patterns. Watch this video clip with informative Snow Removal Safety Tips at https://youtu.be/hhh_Mbcsqgg?t=56s

The City's Snow Removal program is to complete the initial plowing of the City's 259 lane miles of roadways in 24 hours. In addition to removing snow from city streets, snow removal crews are also responsible for sanding icy roads and intersections, as well as clearing the parking lots of some city facilities.

The City of South Lake Tahoe's snow removal phone line is (530) 542-6030.
For County residents, the snow removal phone number is (530) 573-3180.

Snow Removal for Safety

"Snow Safe" suggestions when snow conditions exist:

- City snow plows are deployed when an average of three (3) inches of snow have fallen (accumulated) on the ground city wide. When snow conditions, snow plows have the right of way on streets and vehicles left unattended in the streets are subject to citation and/or tow. **The best policy is to keep your vehicle(s) parked off the streets at all times.**
- Cars subject to citation and/or tow are those parked in the street right-of-way. The City right-of-way extends beyond the edge of the pavement to the property line, generally 5 to 10 feet beyond the edge of the pavement.
- The primary purpose of snow removal is to clear snow from streets for emergency vehicles, school buses, hospital entry, refuse trucks and all vehicle traffic.
- The City is asking that you keep all trash containers behind the berm, on your property. Improper placement of trash containers can result in damaged containers and/or snow removal equipment. This affects the level of service we are able to provide to the community.
- When shoveling snow from your driveway, shovel to the right as you face the street. This way, the plow will move the snow further down the road, rather than move the shoveled snow back into your driveway.
- Child Safety-please keep children indoors while snow removal operations are underway.
- Pedestrian Safety-Don't watch snow removal operations from the edge of the road.
- Back Off - Keep a safe distance (40+ feet) when driving/standing behind snow removal equipment.
- **Slow Down!** - The maximum speed when chain controls are in effect is 25 mph.

More information can be found on the City's website at www.cityofslt.us/snow

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