

## **Pittsboro Police Department**

### **Inclement Weather Operations Plan February 16-17, 2015**

#### **Mission Purpose:**

There has been a winter storm warning for the Pittsboro area beginning on February 16, 2015 through February 17, 2015. There is the potential for significant snow first and then changing over to sleet and/or freezing rain. This weather system has the potential to create up to approximately ½” of ice accumulation. This could create many problems in our community. The members of the Pittsboro Police Department have the responsibility of providing the best possible service to our community during this event. The PPD will:

- Provide visible presence and security
- Respond to disturbances and other events as needed.
- Gather intelligence and information on events and hazardous situations as needed.
- Assist with traffic and any other law enforcement duties as circumstances determine.
- Assist Public Utilities Division as necessary to provide critical services to town residents

#### **Patrol Officers duties:**

Patrol Officers will patrol the town as needed. They will respond to emergencies and calls for service as dispatched. Officers will monitor the weather, traffic and other conditions as needed. Officers will be visible and monitor activities during the course of the evening for potentially threatening or dangerous situations. Officers shall respond accordingly to any dangerous events. Assist Public Utilities as needed when requested by Public Utilities Director, Crew Leaders or their designee. **Officers will use only 4WD or AWD vehicles when road conditions become hazardous. All rear wheel drive vehicles will be grounded until released by the Chief of Police or his designee.**

#### **Administrative personnel duties:**

Administrative members of the PPD shall assist any patrol officers when needed without hesitation or delay. If the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is activated, the Chief of Police or his designee will man the center until the operation center is closed or released by Chatham County Emergency Management. This representative will be the liaison for all town services with the EOC. Members of the PPD administrative staff will perform other duties as deemed necessary by the Chief or Town Manager.

#### **State of Emergency**

If needed Mayor Terry will prepare a “Declaration of a State of Emergency” under NC G.S. 166A-19.22 if needed. If a state of emergency is declared PPD staff may receive additional instructions from the Chief of Police, his designee or the Town Manager. A sample copy of the state of emergency is attached for information purposes.

#### **Public Utilities Division:**

The public Utilities Division is preparing for the adverse weather. They will be maintaining the water and wastewater plant operations as needed. Additionally they are preparing for:

- Preliminary application of salt/brine solution to major streets and thoroughfares
- Snow/Ice removal as possible
- Removal of downed trees/limbs from town streets and thoroughfares
- Provide assistance to PPD personnel when needed

**Special Notes:**

- If needed Chatham County will open shelters at both Council on Aging buildings, in Pittsboro and Siler City. Additional shelters will be opened if needed.
- The Shelters will be staffed by Chatham County Personnel and Chatham County Sheriff's Office staff for security.
- PPD officers may be asked to escort subjects in the Pittsboro area to the shelter. This can be done with the approval of the shift supervisor or other PPD command staff.
- PPD personnel may be requested assist CCSO personnel as needed
- There is the potential for downed energized power lines. At NO TIME will PPD personnel take any unnecessary risk. Duke Energy should be notified immediately and all staff should follow all proper safety precautions to prevent injury to the staff and public.
- This plan can be extended if needed by the Chief of Police or Town Manager
- **All Pittsboro Police Department policies and shall be followed without exception.**

**All assignments and operation plans can be changed by the Chief of Police and/or his designee if needed.**

**Emergency Contact List:**

Pittsboro PD

Chief Percy Crutchfield

Lt. Troy Roberson

Sgt. Ed Swain

Sgt. Ben Hadley

Town of Pittsboro

Town Mgr. Bryan Gruesbeck

Utilities Director John Poteat

Utilities Crew Leader Jr. Goldston

Utilities Crew Leader Mark Wright

Water Plant Superintendent Adam Pickett

On call utilities

Water plant

Prepared by: Chief Percy T. Crutchfield 02/16/2015

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, a state of emergency as defined in N.C.G.S. 166A-19.3(6) and 166A-19.3(19) exists in the Town of Pittsboro due to unsafe conditions created by winter storm Pax; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the above-described disaster, I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property, and public safety authorities will be unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives or property; and

**WHEREAS**, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Town of Pittsboro under Chapter 166A-19.22 of the North Carolina General Statutes:

**Section 1.** A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of the Town of Pittsboro.

**Section 2.** The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be the Town of Pittsboro.

**Section 3.** I hereby order all Town of Pittsboro law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the Chatham County Emergency Operations Plan.

**Section 5.** I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with Clerk to the Town of Pittsboro and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

**Section 6.** This declaration shall take effect on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

**DECLARED** this the \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

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William G. Terry  
Town Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Alice Lloyd  
Town Clerk