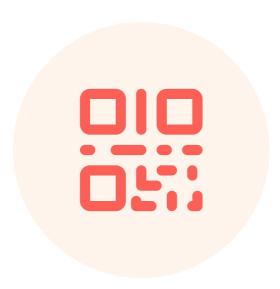
Tools & Technology for Winter Weather Response



Michael Kelly, PE, PS Staff Maintenance Engineer



### Join at slido.com #2916849



### When you hear the words Winter Weather, What do you think about?



### What area of the Transportation Industry do you represent?

### Topics

- Planning & Preparation
- Materials
- Equipment
- People
- Technology





### Which Months do Winter Weather Operations begin?

# Winter Weather Timeline



## Planning & Preparation

- Update Plans
- Order Supplies
- Employee Training
- Readiness Drills





### Snow and Ice Removal Guide

- MoDOT Guide as a start
- Condition Definitions
- Recommended Treatments
- Reporting



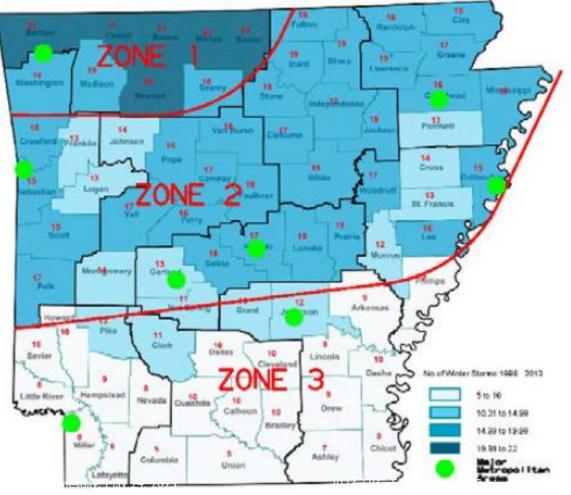
#### Snow and Ice Removal Guide



Prepared by the Maintenance Division 2014

#### **Design Storm and Probability of Occurrence**

Based on the number of winter storm occurrences from 1996 to 2013, the State has been divided Zones. Zone location and the desired level of service (LOS) for each zone are shown below. For purposes of evaluating equipment and material needs, a Type III winter storm requiring continuous operations of 4 days for Zone 1, 3 days for Zone 2, and 2 days for Zone 3 will be used.



#### Zone 1 LOS Criteria

- Equipment needs 25 Ln-Mi / Truck ratio
- Salt storage needs 150 Lb / Ln-Mi rate
- District 9, Washington County, 7 Major Metropolitan Areas, All Interstates and Freeways

#### Zone 2 LOS Criteria

- Equipment needs 50 Ln-Mi / Truck ratio
- Salt storage needs 150 Lb / Ln-Mi rate
- Districts 1,4,5,6,8,10

#### Zone 3 LOS Criteria

- Equipment needs 75 Ln-Mi / Truck ratio
- Salt storage needs 150 Lb / Ln-Mi rate
- Districts 2,3,7

### Condition Definitions



Table 7.	W	eather	Event:	Mod	lerate	or	Heavy	Snow	Storm.

PAVEMENT	INITIAL OPERATION				SUBSEQUENT OPERATIONS			COMMENTS
TEMPERATURE	Pavement	Maintenance	Salt spread rates		Maintenance	Salt spread rates		
RANGE AND	surface at	action	Pre-	Brine	action	Pre-	Brine	
TREND	time of		wetted	(gal/ln-mi)		wetted	(gal/ln-mi)	
	initial		solid salt	1		solid salt		
	operation		(lb/ln-mi)			(lb/ln-mi)		
Above 32°F	Dry, wet,	None - see		1	None - see			Monitor pavement temperature closely for
steady or rising	slush, or	comments		1	comments			drops toward 32°F and below
	light snow			1				Treat slick patches if needed with pre-
	cover			1				wetted salt at 100 lb/ln-mi or with brine at 44
								gal/ln-mi; plow if needed
Above 32°F	Dry	Apply brine or	100	44	Plow	100	44	If the desired plowing/treatment frequency
32°F or below is		pre-wetted		1	accumulation			cannot be maintained, the spread rate can be
imminent		solid salt			and reapply			increased to 200 lb/ln-mi to accommodate
ALSO	Wet,	Apply brine or	100	44	brine or solid			longer operational cycles
30 to 32°F	slush, or	pre-wetted		1	salt as needed			Do not apply brine onto heavy snow
remaining in	light snow	solid salt		1				accumulation or packed snow
range	cover							
20 to 30°F	Dry	Apply brine or	150-200	65-87	Plow	200	87	If the desired plowing/treatment frequency
remaining in		pre-wetted		1	accumulation			cannot be maintained, the spread rate can be
range		solid salt			and reapply			increased to 400 lb/ln-mi to accommodate
	Wet,	Apply brine or	150-200	65-87	brine or solid			longer operational cycles
	slush, or	pre-wetted		1	salt as needed			Do not apply brine onto heavy snow
	light snow	solid salt						accumulation or packed snow
	cover							
10 to 20°F	Dry, wet,	Apply pre-	200	1	Plow	250		If the desired plowing/treatment frequency
remaining in	slush, or	wetted solid		1	accumulation			cannot be maintained, the spread rate can be
range	light snow	salt		1	and reapply			increased to 500 lb/ln-mi to accommodate
	cover			1	solid salt			longer operational cycles
					as needed			Liquid calcium chloride may be used for
								wetting solid salt at colder temperatures
Below 10°F	Dry or	Plow as			Plow	250		As pavement becomes slick apply
steady or falling	light snow	needed			accumulation			salt/abrasives mix to enhance traction. Salt
	cover				as needed			will have limited melting power in this
1	1	I	I	I	I			temperature range

Notes: SALT APPLICATIONS. (1) Time initial and subsequent salt applications to prevent deteriorating conditions or development of packed and bonded snow--timing and frequency of subsequent applications will be determined primarily by plowing requirements. (2) Apply salt ahead of traffic rush periods occurring during storm. PLOWING. Plow before chemical applications so that excess snow, slush, or ice is removed and pavement is wet, slushy, or lightly snow covered when treated.

# Treatment Recommendation based on Weather Event

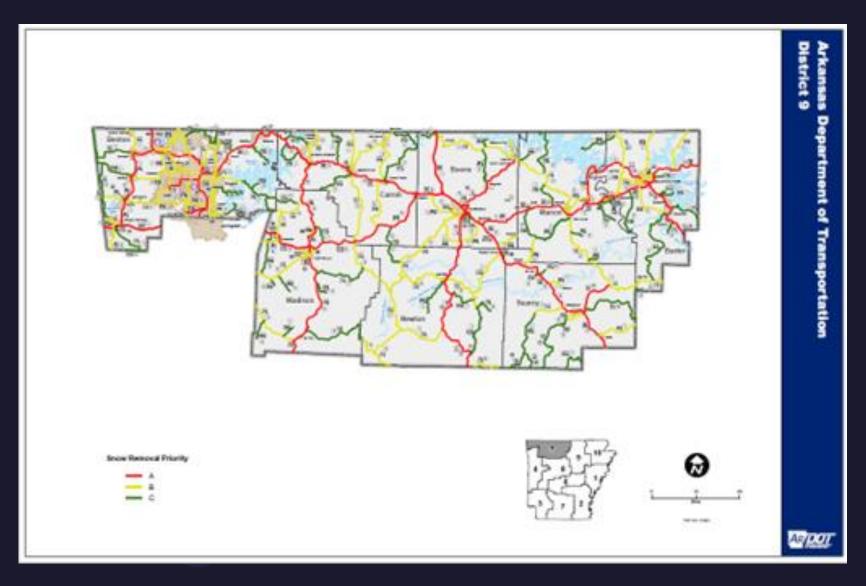
- Light Snowstorm
- Light Snow w/ Moderate or Heavy Snow
- Moderate or Heavy Snowstorm
- Frost or Black Ice
- Freezing Rainstorm
  - Sleet Storm

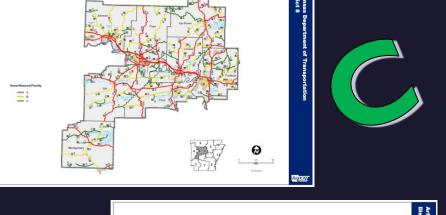
### ABCs of Route Priorities

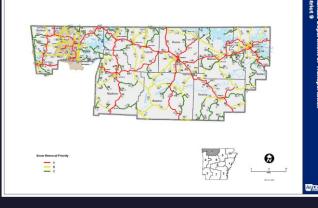
Route Priorities based on Functionality and Traffic

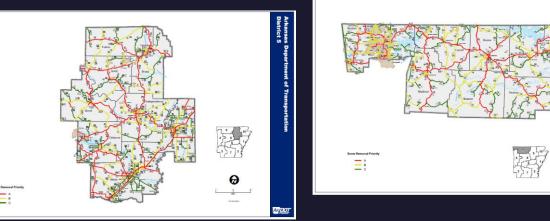
- A. Interstates & Other Principal Roads
- B. Other Major Roads
- C. Lower Traffic Roads

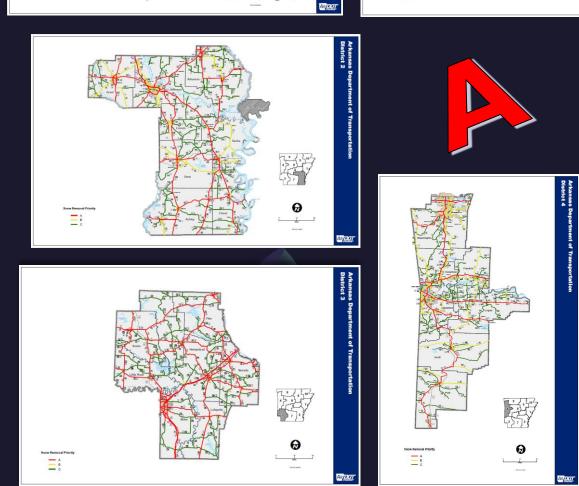


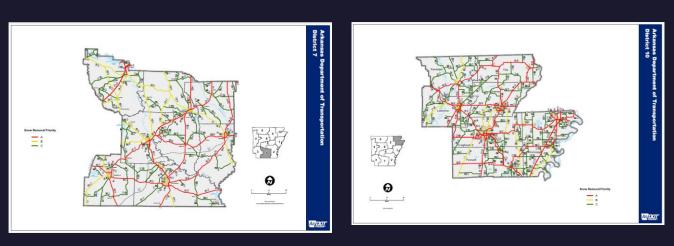




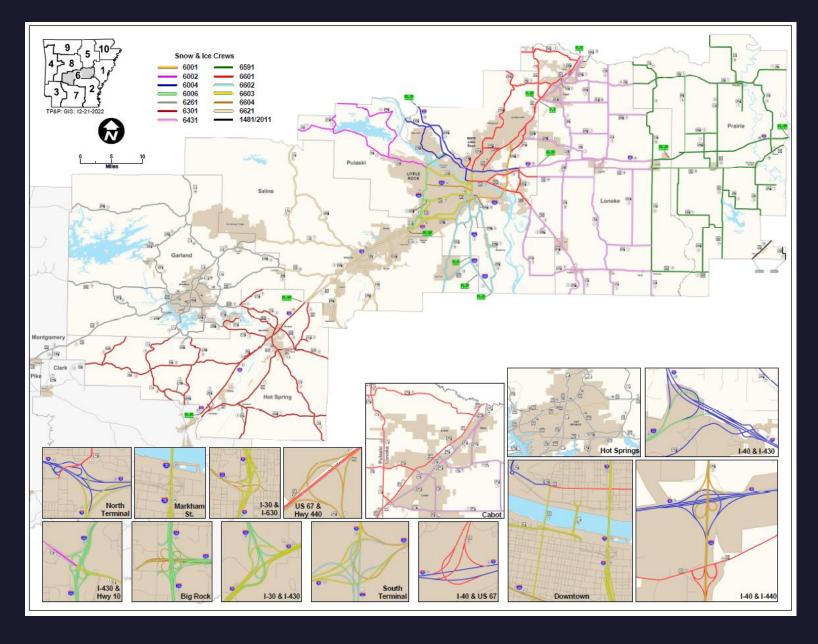








# District 6 Crew Assignments





#### Emergency Operations Center: Position Specific Guidelines & Procedures

Functional Roles, Responsibilities, & Checklists
December 2021

### ARDOT Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

- Statewide Coordination
- Situation Reporting
- Resource Gaps
- Direct Maintenance Division Strike Team

# EOC Activation Levels

#### Level I

#### **Full Activation**

- EOC Managers in person
- Coordinating Statewide Reporting & Resource Gaps
- Directing Strike Teams as needed
- Coordination Calls

#### Level 2

### Increased Preparedness & Monitoring

- EM Staff monitoring situation
- Briefing SME
- Initiate Situation Reporting
- Activities maybe virtual

#### Level 3

#### Normal Operations

Steady State

### Situation Reports





Emergency Operations Center (EOC) SITUATION REPORT

o Alex Roofe

· Activities: Salt and · Personnel: There ar

• Equipment: There a

Materials: Approx.

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District 6

District 7

District 8



District 10

- EOC Active: No
   Bobby Keaton is t
- · Personnel: There are curre · Equipment: There are cur Materials: There are curre · Other Impacts: No other I



#### District 3

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#### Maintenance Division

- ArDOT FOC activated Maintenance Division
  - Strike Team is available Emergency Manageme
  - Emergency Support Fu Transport

#### The Traffic Manageme **Equipment and Procuremen**

- E&P Staff are monitor
- All 12 Strike Team tru
- · Shop, Service Station, Field Mechanics are av

#### District 1

- . FOC Active District F o Matt Emberton
- · Activities: District per Tourist Information Centers (T
- Personnel: There are co • Equipment: There are Materials: Approx. 859
  - Other Impacts

#### Other Impacts: Accide District 2 EOC Active: District E o Tim Kelly is Po Activities: Monitoring

· Personnel- There are co

• Equipment: There are Materials: Approx. 909

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#### Interstate & Expressways

 I-55, I-555, and US 67 are · US 67 is covered with Slu Other Interstates and Expr

#### Arkansas Primary Highway Ne

#### Portions of US 65, 62/412 · Other APHN routes are re

#### Other State Highways

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#### 14 of 14 Tourist Informati

• 13 of 15 Rest Areas are O o 2 Rest Areas (I-30



Winter weather precipitation passed through the northern portions of the state moving from the west to the east starting in the AM hours of 1/6/2022 and expected to exit the eastern portion of the state by 1200 1/6/2002. Some roadways were covered with light snow for a few hours. The plowing operations and flow of traffic caused the snow to blow off the roadways. Any remaining snow on the roadways is expected to be removed before the end of today

Event Name

January 5, 2022 Winter Weather

Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

SITUATION REPORT

Summary

**Operational Period** 

600pm January 5, 2022

1200pm January 6, 2022

#### Weather Outlook

Decision Support Page

Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

SITUATION REPORT

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By this afternoon and especially this evening and overnight, expect drier conditions to be seen. However, wind chill values will dip down into the single digits and teens across northern and

There will be a chance of some brief freezing rain early Saturday but temperatures will warm quickly and any wintry weather will turn to rain and no impacts are expecte

Showers and isolated thunderstorms are expected Saturday through early Sunday as a cold front crosses the area. Otherwise, no hazardous weather is expected at this time.

Message Last Updated: 4:34 AM local time on 1/6/2022.

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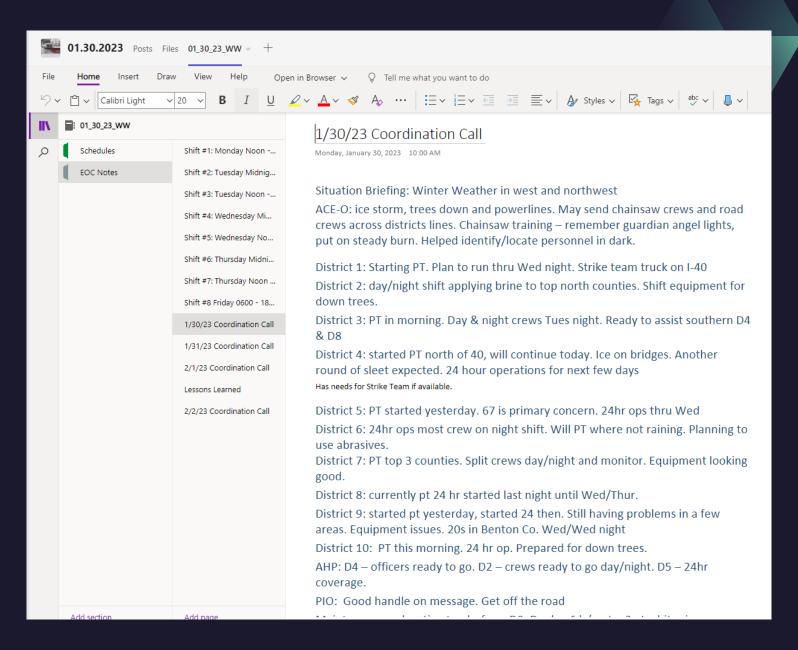




## Coordination Calls

The EOC hosts Coordination Calls as needed before & during the event as needed.

- Representatives:
  - Districts
  - Maintenance Division
  - Highway Police
  - Public Information
  - Equipment & Procurement
  - Executive Leadership



### Material Supply Contracts



#### ARKANSAS STATE HIGHNARDOT - EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT DIVISION BID INVITATION

DID ORGUNIC LOCATION

H-23-220H	ARDOT Equipment and	P.O. Box 2261 Little Rock, AR 72203 Little			
July 26, 2022 Time: 11:00 a.m.	Procurement Division 11302 W. Baseline Road Little Rock, AR 72209				
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#### SNOW AND ICE CONTROL MATERIALS (SOLID)

ansas Department of Transportation (hereinafter called ARDOT) will receive sealed bids for furnishing requirements of **PRETREATED**ROCK SALT & CALCIUM CHLORIDE specified herein with prices firm as set forth on the Bid Forms for the period from Date of pril 30, 2023.

e submitted through Bidexpress.com

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tood that the Bid Invitation, General Conditions, Bidder Information, Bid Forms, Bid Information and Specifications are an experience are incorporated herein as fully and effectively as if set forth in detail and; that by submission of bid, bidd It things shall be governed by the Laws of the State of Arkansas. Should there be a conflict between Standard Bid C Rid Information and Specifications, the latter shall prevail.

on a per-ton basis FOB – the specified delivery points. See Condition 10 on page 1 of Standard F tions of materials proposed should be submitted with bid. The information supplied must include \$10.1200. Samples may be required per Condition 11 on page 2 of Standard Bid Condition

with individual orders placed by ARDOT within ten (10) days after received by made on each individual order as promptly as possible after

### Employee Training

#### SNOWPLOW SIMULATOR



#### SAFETY & DRIVER TRAINING



### EOC & Strike Team Drill

### State conducting winter weather drill on Wednesday

Dec 4, 2022



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ARDOT's Winter Weather Strike Team will exercise training drills in the central Arkansas area on Wednesday.

The drill will consist of training drivers, performing equipment checks and maintenance, road-testing snowplow trucks, and communicating with the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) that will operate in an exercise mode for the event.

"It is crucial that we do everything we can do to be prepared when winter weather hits," said Michael Kelly, ARDOT Staff Maintenance Engineer and Emergency Management Liaison Officer. "These drills help us see both our strengths and areas for improvement. It's our job to keep our roadways safe, and we take that responsibility seriously."

#### State Transportation Department puts its winter weather response to the test

by Daniel McFadin | December 12, 2022 at 8:33 a.m.



Follow



A crew refuels a snowplow before leaving the ARDOT maintenance facility in Little Rock during a winter weather strike team training exercise on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022. (Arkansas Democrat-Gazette/Stephen Swofford)

### Winter Readiness Meetings

- Each District holds individual meetings
- Annual Winter Readiness meeting includes internal & external partners:
  - National Weather Service (NWS)
  - Ark State Police (ASP)
  - Public Information
  - Ark Div of Emergency Mgmt (ADEM)





#### **Audience Q&A Session**



### Rock Salt





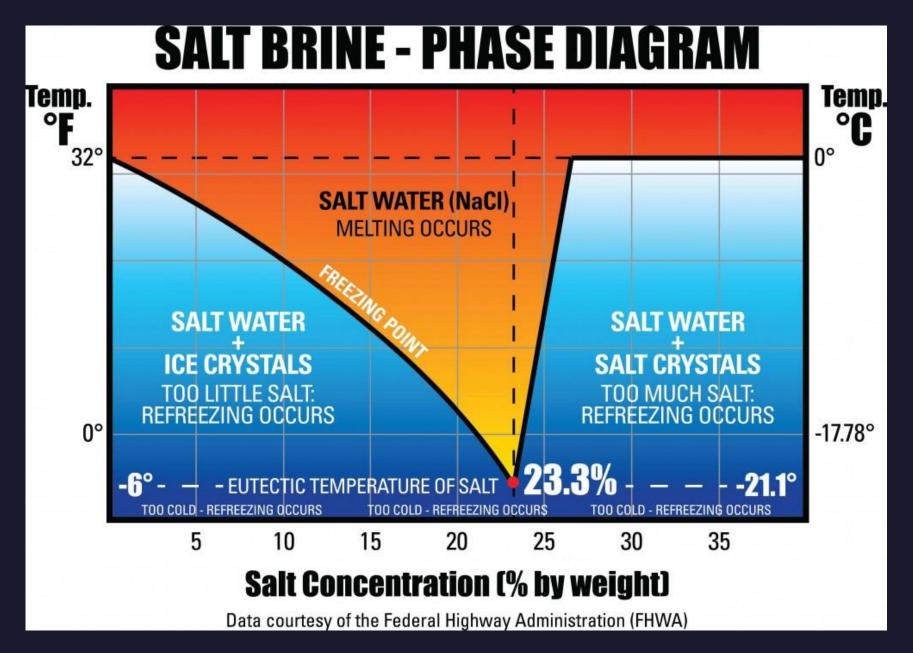
## Salt Brine & Super Brine



### Salt Brine Machine







### Salt Brine or Not???



### WE GOT THE BEET!

### 7 facts about beet juice on highways



KDOT uses beet juice to pretreat or treat highways at more than 20 locations around the state.



KDOT has used beet juice for about five years now.



The beet juice comes from an lowa supplier.



Beet juice looks brown and can get on vehicles don't worry, it washes off.



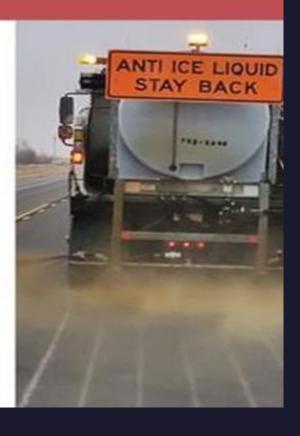
Beet juice added to brine is especially useful with temperatures from 15 degrees down to 5 degrees.



Because beet juice is sticky, it holds ice-fighting brine to pavement longer.



By using a mix of beet and brine, it takes less brine, so it lowers the corrosive effect of the salt in brine – which helps cut down on road and bridge repair.



### Other Materials

#### **ROCK SALT**

- 15 degrees F
- Lower Cost
- Deicing & anti-icing



#### MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE

- -10 degrees F
- Costly
- Deicing & anti-icing



#### CALCIUM CHLORIDE

- -20 degrees F
- Costly
- Deicing





# How much money does ARDOT spend on Materials for Winter Weather per year?

# Abrasives / Sand

Used for additional traction when temperature is to low for chemicals to work





# What other alternatives materials have been used for Snow & Ice deicing?



### Beer?



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#### Turning to beet juice and beer to address road salt danger

By MICHAEL CASEY January 29, 2018





## Equipment

**Plow Trucks** 

Brine Trucks

Motor Patrol

Salt Dog

**Snow Blower** 



## Dump Truck w/ Front Plow, Belly Plow, & Spreader



Wednesday, May 24, 2023

## Material Spreader



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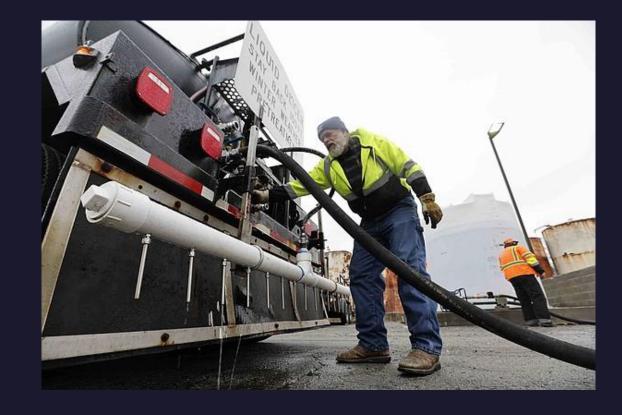


### How much does a Plow Truck cost?

### Brine Trucks

#### USED FOR PRETREATING & DEICING





### Motor Patrol

- Typically used on Low-Speed Routes
- Contract plowing by local construction companies



## "Salt Dog" – ¾ or 1 Ton Truck

FRONT PLOW

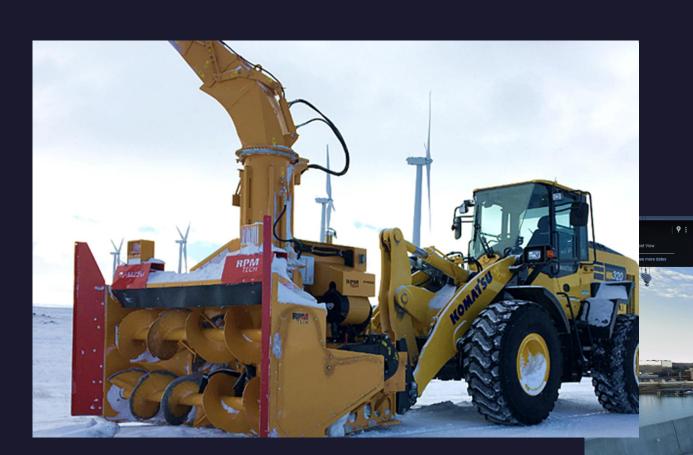


#### SMALL SPREADER OR BRINE TANK IN REAR



### Snow Blower





Plan to Purchase for use on I-30
 Arkansas River Bridge

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# How many Snow Plows do ArDOT Operate?

## 2022-2025 Snow & Ice Equipment

	District I	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8	District 9	District 10	Strike Team	Totals
Dump Truck I2 CUYD (Bellow Plow)	5	0	2	Ш	9	Ш	4	4	21	7	12	86
Dump Truck I2 CUYD (Tri-Axle)	19	7	30	6	7	19	4	2	16	0	0	110
Dump Truck 10 CUYD	12	28	8	30	27	19	28	37	24	29	0	242
Dump Truck 6 CUYD	31	26	36	34	21	38	26	17	20	28	0	277
Snow Plows	53	35	41	76	64	62	39	56	99	62	12	<mark>599</mark>
Spreader 10 CUYD	5	7	2	14	14	9	4	4	21	5	12	97
Spreader 7.5 CUYD	25	23	31	30	26	12	28	38	47	26	0	286
Spreader 4.5 CUYD	15	13	18	21	20	28	21	10	17	20	0	183
Spreader I.5 CUYD	0	I	0	0	0	15	I	25	3	I	0	46
Motor Patrol	10	6	18	6	10	7	12	11	10	8	0	98
Bulk Salt Capacity (CUYD)	3869	4360	6766	6553	5641	4280	2679	3440	18870	9347	0	<mark>65,805</mark>
Cal or Mag Chloride (Gallons)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1500	0	5500	9000	0	16,000
Salt Brine Capacity (Gallons)	106000	114000	158500	148000	147000	43400	111000	51600	141200	146900	0	1,167,600
Beet Juice Capacity (Gallons)	39000	8000	0	80000	0	15300	0	23000	71900	6000	0	243,200
Tanker Trailers (Each)	3	4	2	2	3	5	4	2	3	2	0	30







## Material Handlers



## Plow Drivers (Day & Night)





## Supervisors







# Roadway Weather Information System (RWIS)

A RWIS is a combination of field hardware and software that provides detailed and timely road-weather information that is used to support operations and maintenance decisions.

#### Atmospheric Data

- Air temperature
- Humidity
- Visibility distance
- Wind speed and direction
- Precipitation type and rate

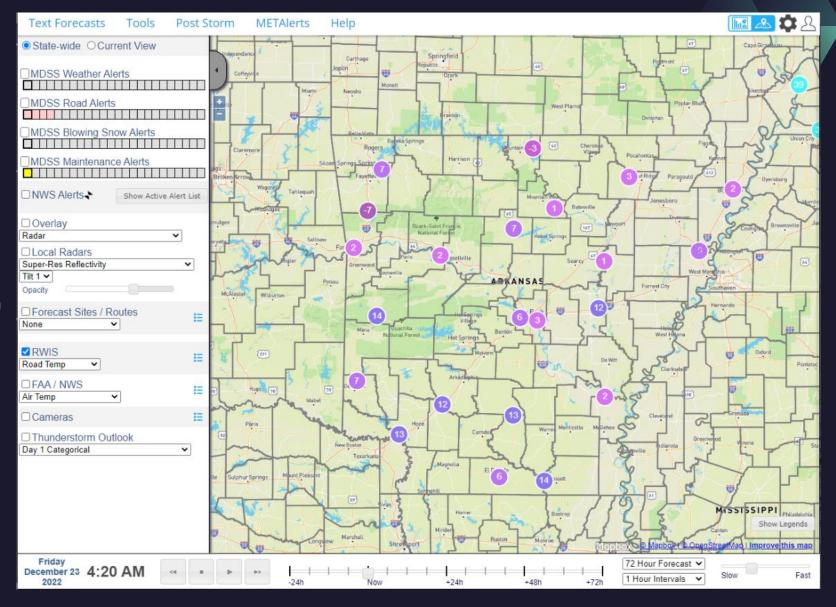
#### Pavement Data

- Pavement temperature
- Pavement condition (dry, wet, ice, frost)
- Subsurface temperature



## RWIS Stations

- 30+ Stations Statewide
- Station locations are coordinated with District
- Most locations are remote or area of interest (I-40 @ White River)



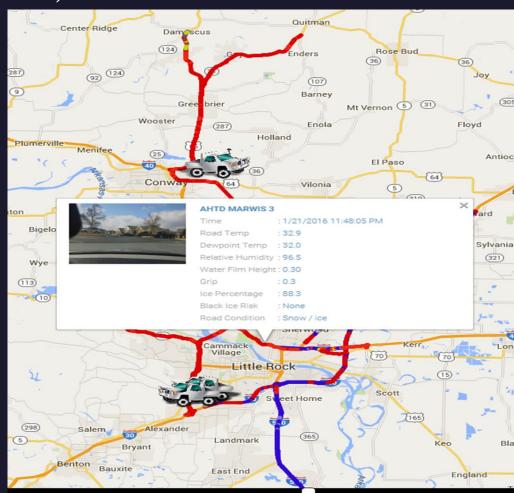
# Mobile Advanced Roadway Weather Information System (MARWIS)

Sensors are mounted to mobile platform. Used as a "Scout" vehicle before the storm to predict time roads will freeze.

11 – MARWIS Statewide







# DRIVEARKANSAS © Construction Programs i Travel Information Report

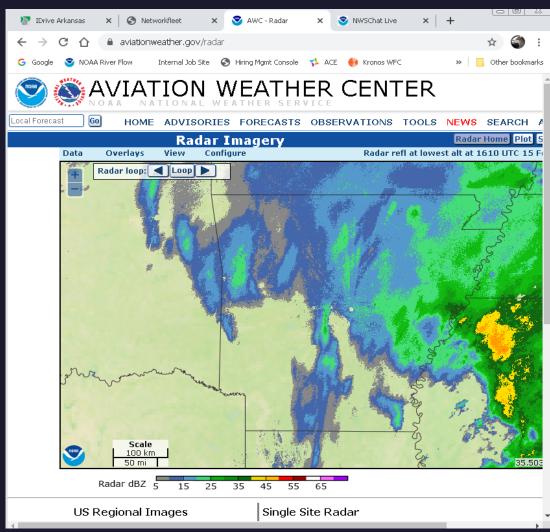
- Over 300 Cameras Statewide
- 40+ Cameras for Plow Trucks

## Traffic Cameras

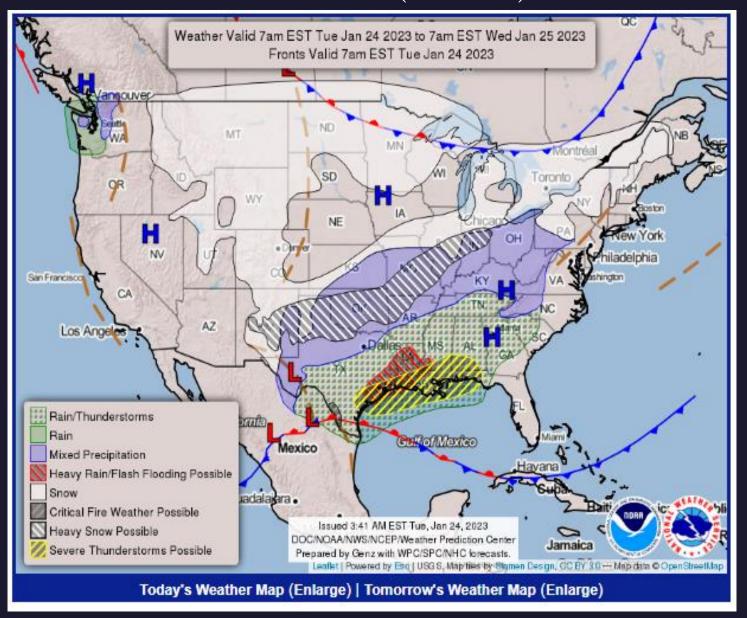


### National Weather Service (NWS) - Forecasts



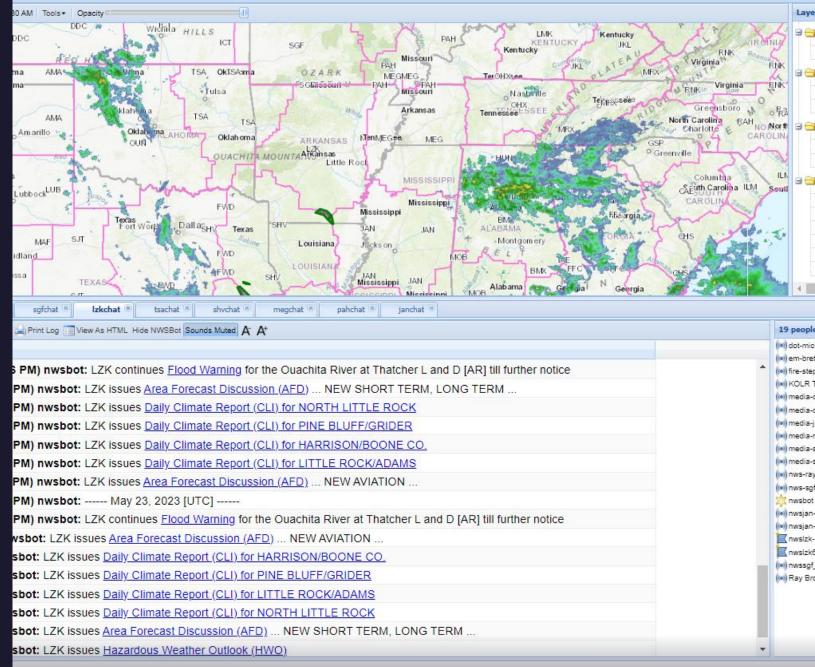


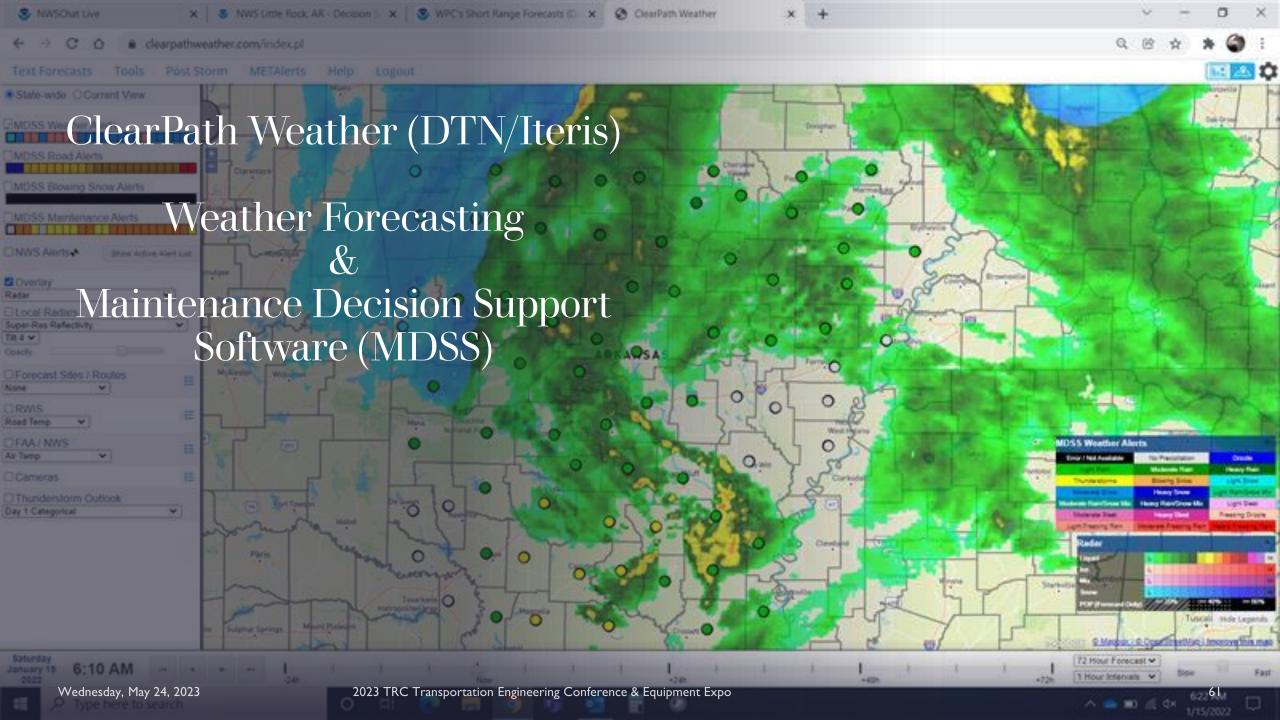
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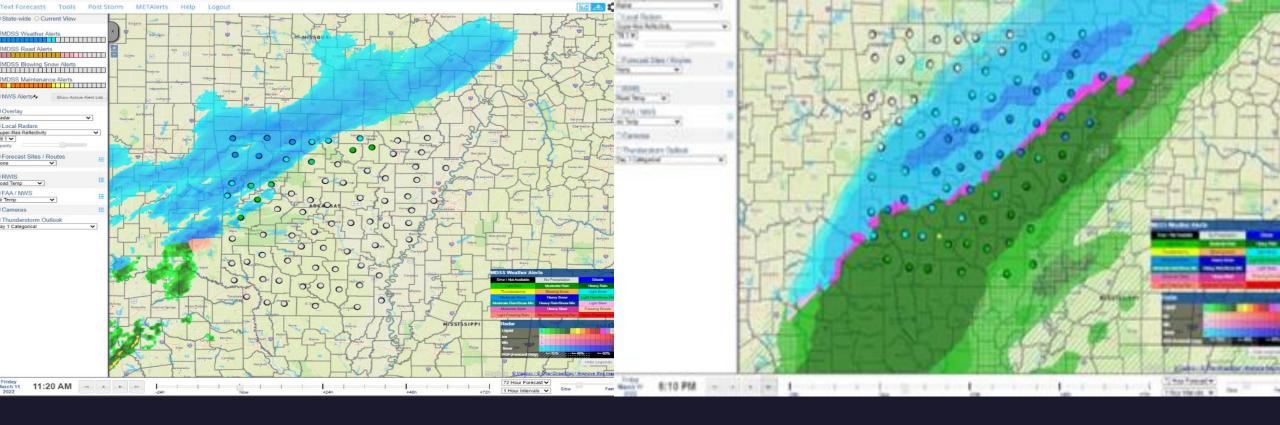


### NWS Chat

- Chat directly with NWS Weather Forecasters
- Arkansas covered by 5 different NWS offices
  - LZK Little Rock
  - TSA Tulsa
  - SHV Shreveport
  - JAN Jackson
  - MEG Memphis
- Also monitor
  - SGF Springfield
  - PAH Paducah



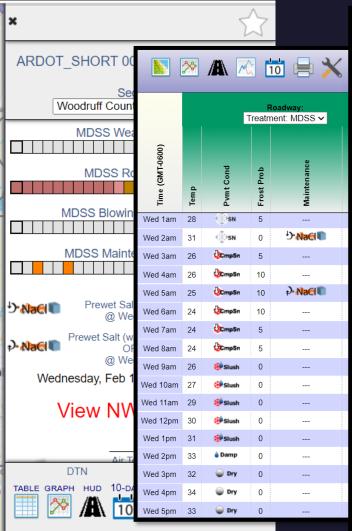




## Weather Forecasting

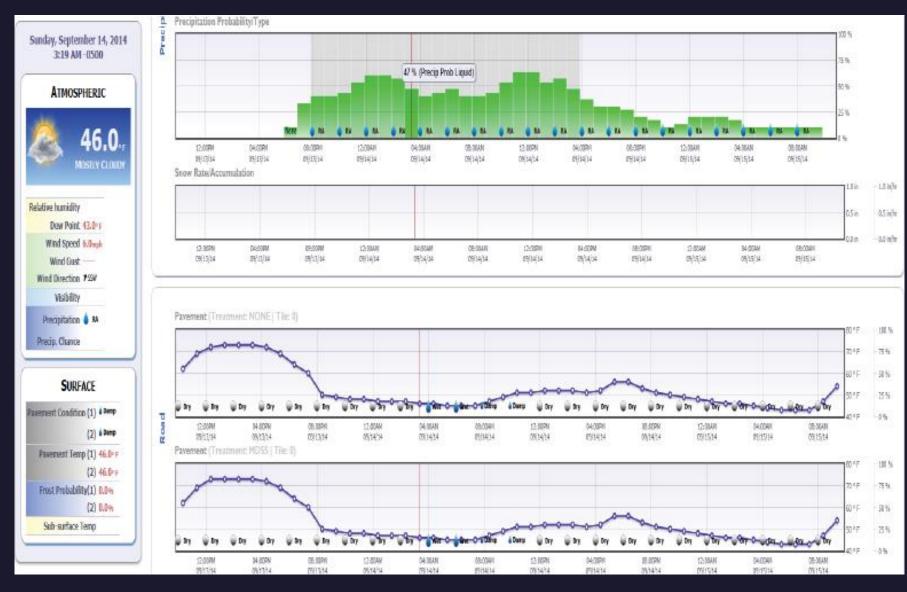
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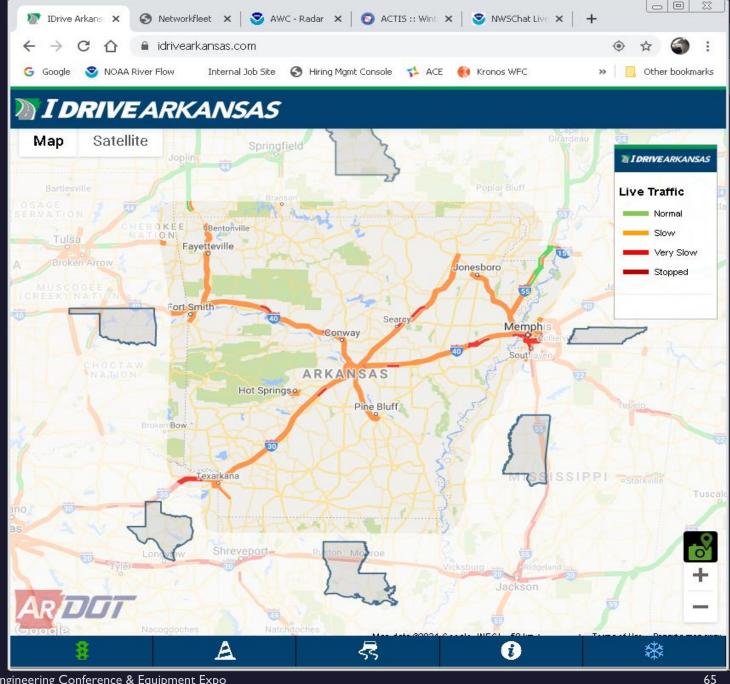
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Wed 12am	28	Prewet Salt (	lbs/lane mile	0						
Wed 1am	28	Brine Salt (A		5						
Wed 2am	31			0						
Wed 3am	26	Start Time: V End Time: W		0						
Wed 4am	26	<b>∲</b> cmpSn	10			32	+ <del>∦</del> +sn	0		
Wed 5am	25	<b>©</b> cmpSn	10	₽)- NaCl®	100 lbs	32	∰sn	0		
Wed 6am	24	<b>©</b> cmpSn	10			32	+ <del>∦</del> +sn	0		
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### Maintenance Decision Support Software (MDSS)

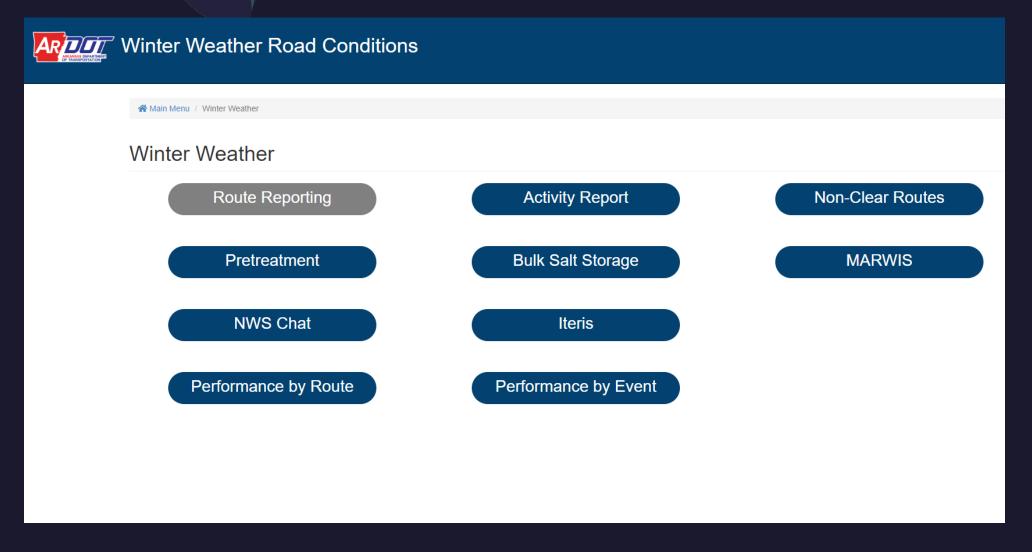


## **IDrive** Arkansas & ACTIS

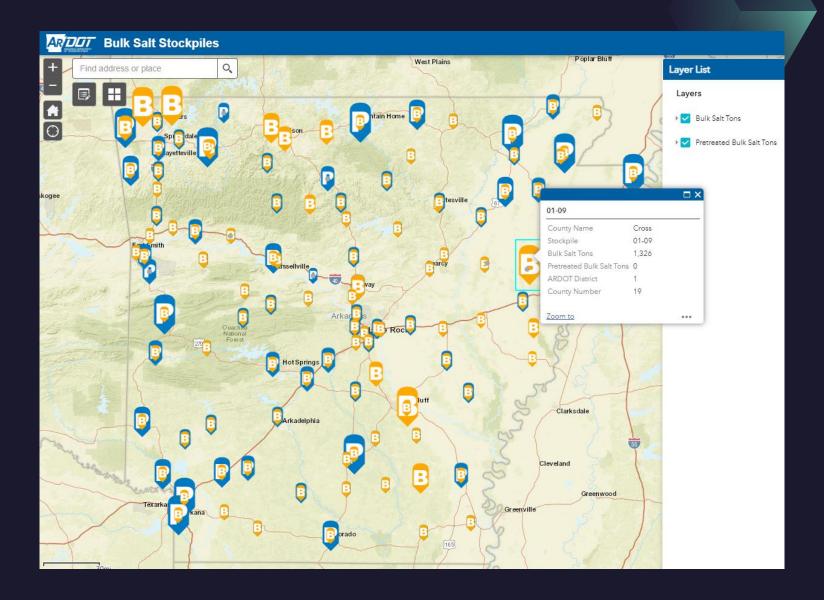
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## Winter Weather Reporting in ACTIS

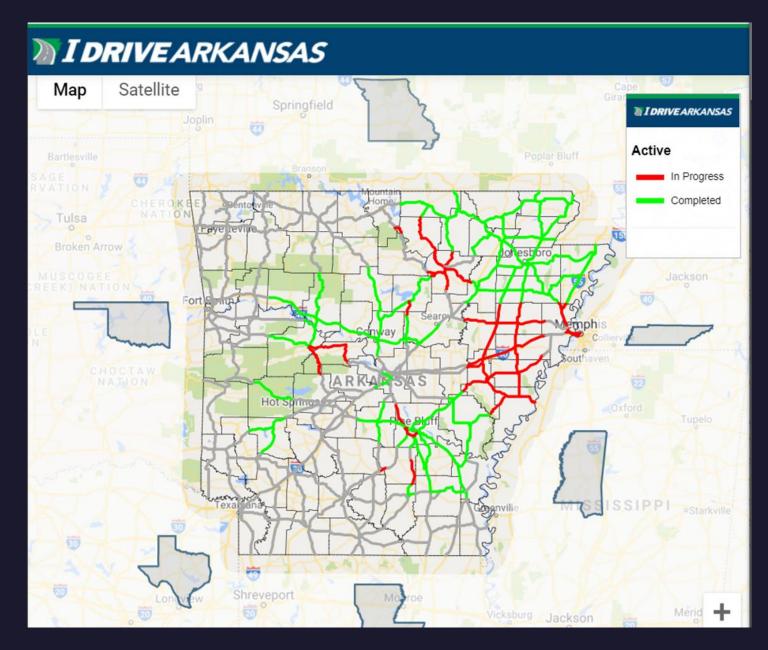


## Bulk Salt Stockpile Map

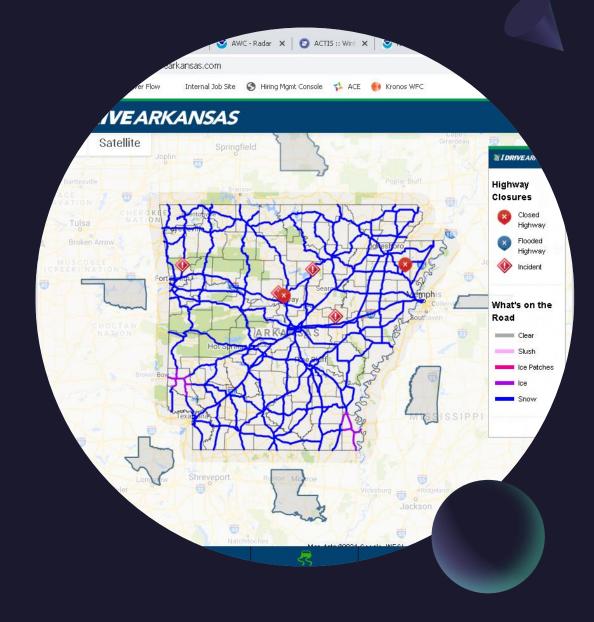


### Pretreatment

 Maintenance Crews will pretreat the roadways with Salt Brine or Rock Salt prior to precipitation or temperatures dropping below freezing

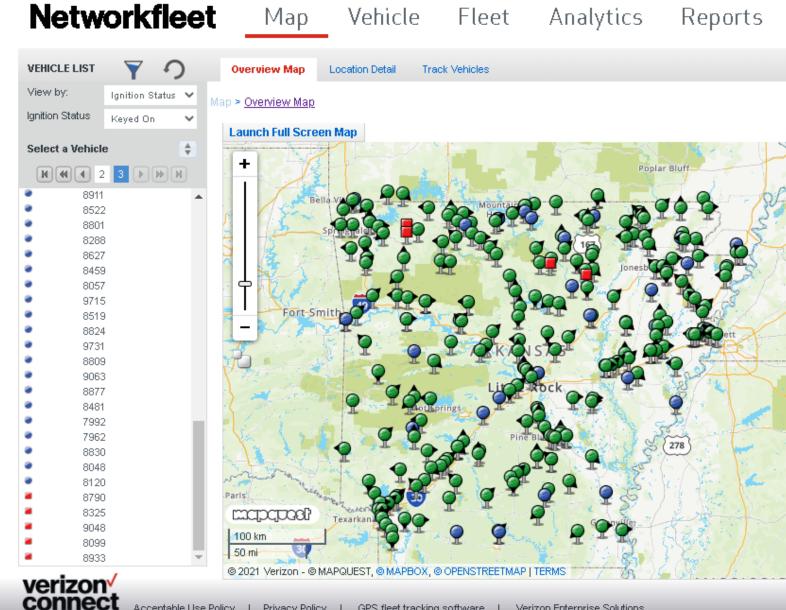


## Road Conditions based on Observations by Maintenance Staff



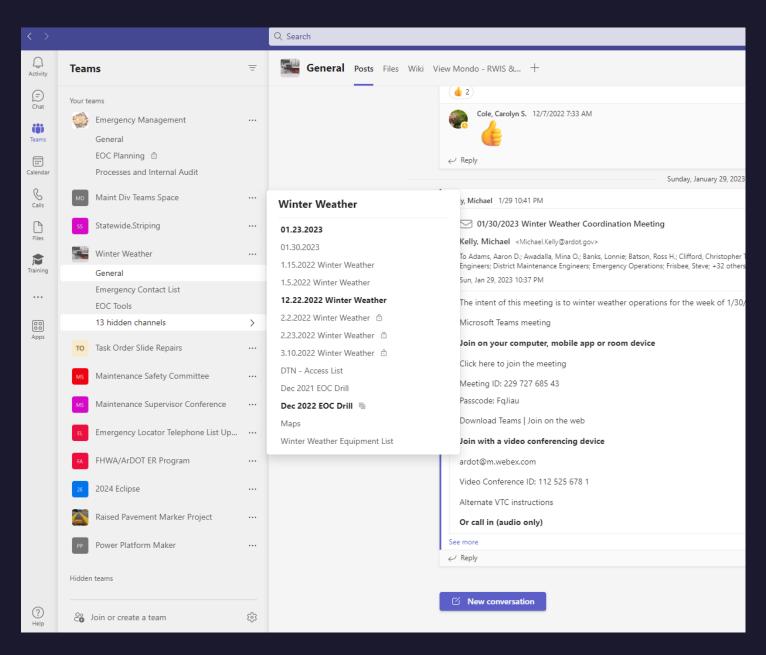
## Fleet Management Software

Locations of active Dump Trucks with **Plows** 



### Collaboration Software

- MS Teams has enhanced collaboration between teams throughout our organization
- Channels for each event
- OneNote for event logging
- Sharepoint Files
- "Wiki" for FAQs and Guides



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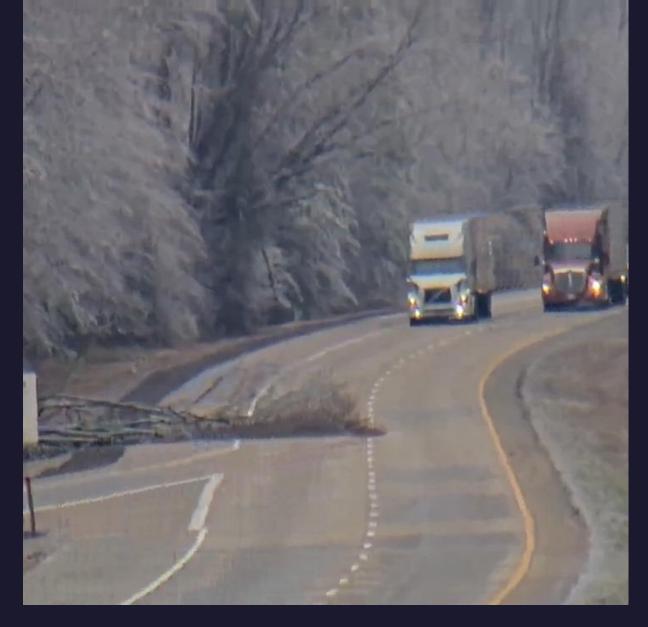
### **Audience Q&A Session**



## ArDOT in Action



# Dealing with Ice Storm Debris









## Gang Plowing









PEOPLE DEALING WITH SNOW AND ICE BLYTHEVILLE, AR



# Neighbor Shaming





#### **Charles Peek**

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Big difference in #Arkansas and #Texas snow removal in #Texarkana. This is Stateline Rd. Right side is AR and left side is TX. @weatherchannel #arwx #txwx



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## **Audience Q&A Session**

## Thank You

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