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Jersey City Responds to Winter Storm; Crews to Work Overnight with 2,200 Tons of Salt, Warming Centers to Open & Alternate Side Parking Suspended Tomorrow

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Steven M. Fulop and the Office of Emergency Management, in conjunction with the Jersey City Incinerator Authority, are operating in full capacity to respond to the winter storm that is impacting the area through tomorrow morning.

The JCIA has deployed 65 pieces of equipment - plows & spreaders - and will have crews working non-stop through the overnight storm. The JCIA has 2,200 tons of salt at its disposal for use during the storm.

OEM is advising all residents and commuters to refrain from driving if possible. Residents should review the snow ordinances at right and refrain from shoveling snow into the street. Residents are also reminded to NOT PARK within 25 feet of an intersection. Doing so only hampers the efforts of crews plowing and salting the streets. All vehicles parked within 25 feet of an intersection will be subject to ticketing and towing.

"Our OEM Command Center is activated and we have all crews out plowing and clearing streets," said Mayor Fulop. "Our JCIA and DPW staff members will be working non-stop through the storm, which is anticipated to worsen overnight into the early morning hours. We are asking that motorists stay off the road if possible and if you have the ability to assist a neighbor in need during the storm, please do so."

Mayor Fulop recently launched the 'Neighbors Helping Neighbors' initiative to connect resident volunteers with seniors and other residents who need assistance during snow storms and other emergencies. To volunteer, please call the Resident Response Center at 201-547-4900 or via email at RRC@jcnj.org.

To address the extreme cold that is anticipated to enter the region tonight and into tomorrow, the City is opening two warming centers beginning at 8 p.m. The locations are The Bethune Center at 140 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, and the Pershing Field Community Center, at 201 Central Avenue.

City offices are closing at 2 p.m. today, however, public safety and snow removal operations remain at full staff. All recreational programs, including programming at the Bethune Center, is canceled for tonight. Additionally, the afternoon session for Municipal Court has been canceled for today. Anyone with cases scheduled for the 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. sessions today, Tuesday, January 21, 2014, will receive new court dates in the mail.

Alternate side parking for street sweeping is suspended again tomorrow, Wednesday, January 22, 2014.

For additional updates please visit the city website at www.jerseycitynj.gov or the Official City of Jersey City Facebook page or on Twitter @JC_GOV.

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