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KENNER "WINTER/ICE STORM" PLAN PUT IN PLACE

Crews on Standby to Cover City Streets, Cooperate with Parish

Kenner began putting elements of the city's "Winter/Ice Storm" emergency plan in place early Thursday afternoon in preparation for sub-freezing weather predicted Thursday night and Friday.

Kenny Melvin, director of public works, said barricades and stockpiles of river sand are on hand to manage the continued operation or possible closure of city streets where necessary.

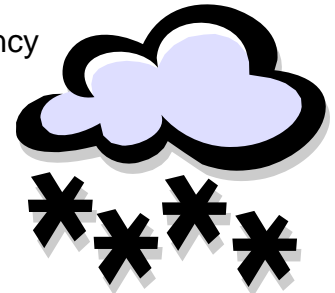
He said he has placed the all public works employees on standby through Thursday night and Friday morning to quickly respond to any weather-related problems involving streets and other city infrastructure.

Melvin said public works crews may be called to work as early as 9 p.m. Thursday. "Weather forecasters have predicted that conditions will get nasty by midnight," he added, "and we want to be ready."

He said persons should not be travelling on city streets unless absolutely necessary overnight Thursday to Friday. He cautioned that those who do have to be on the streets in motor vehicles should travel much slower and more carefully because visibility may be hampered and streets may have hard-to-see patches of ice.

Melvin said public works crews stand ready to assist the Kenner Police and Fire Departments where needed and cooperate with parish and state agencies in dealing with the weather event.

He said that the city administration will monitor the weather event through the night Thursday. If you have questions, contact Kenner Public Works at 468-7515. If you have an emergency, call 911.



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