

Winter Operations Update

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Winter Operations in Nebraska

- Annually October to May is Winter Operations Season
 - Winter material storage is full by October 31
 - Equipment is set up and calibrated
 - ITS Devices are tested
 - Personnel is trained
 - Adjoining state coordination
 - Coordination with State Patrol, local law enforcement, and other emergency responders

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Operations Division

- District & Division Coordination
 - Help facilitate & support operations in the field including the movement of personnel and equipment.
 - Interstate Closures/Openings
- Webex Chat
 - Incident Response Statewide
- NEMA coordination
- FHWA notifications
- Nebraska Trucking Association

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National Weather Service Partnership

- NWS Chat 2.0
 - Slack
 - Pathfinder
 - NDOT & NWS
 - Webinars
 - DSS Packets

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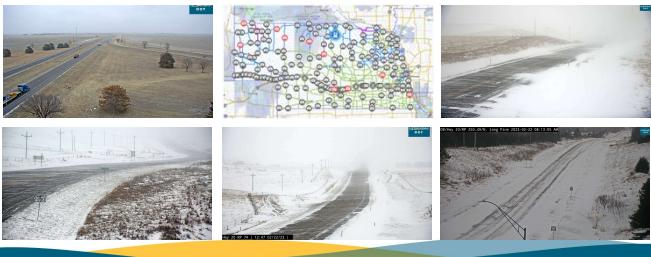
State Operations Center

- Located in Omaha
- Traffic Management
- DMS Messaging
- Variable Speed Advisory
- Interstate Ramp Gates
- Camera monitoring
- Situational Awareness
 - Webex Chat
 - Email groups
 - NWS Chat
- State Radio System

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511 Web Cams



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Hours of Operations

- 24/7 interstate and freeways
- Some areas with no overnight plowing



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Closures

- Reactive Closures
 - Caused by crashes or other incidents
- Pre-Emptive Closures
 - Timing Based on Forecast
 - Rolling closures
 - Local Coordination
 - Truck Parking
 - Available Hotels
 - Other Accommodations
 - Communications is Essential



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Closures

- Openings/Timing Factors
 - Weather
 - Road Conditions Downstream
 - Resources
 - Strategically to Reduce Downstream Congestion



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Equipment & Products

- Plow trucks
 - 736 trucks currently in service
 - Tow plows utilized on I-80 and other expressways
- Blowers
 - 23 Blowers in service across the state
- Salt
 - 240,000 Ton Capacity (200,000 on hand)
- Liquid deicers
 - Used when weather conditions warrant



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AND YOURS,
DON'T CROWD
THE PLOWS



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