

Highway Maintenance Manual

Bureau of Highway Maintenance

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Chapter 06 Winter Maintenance

Storm Management Responsibilities

Subject 45 Assisting Others

1.0 Assisting Others

Section 10

Service provider's employees' operating on state winter maintenance sections should be discouraged from offering assistance to stuck or stranded vehicles unless there is an emergency or the stranded vehicle is interfering with plowing operations. The operators should instead call the appropriate law enforcement agency, via the county sheriff dispatcher, and report the incident. Otherwise, assisting stranded vehicles is subject to each service provider's policy.

If assistance, consisting of traffic control and/or signing, is requested by law enforcement, when practical it should be conducted during daylight hours and only after the winter storm event has passed. Otherwise assisting law enforcement in these situations is subject to each service provider's policy.

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