

Severe Weather Service Plan

1.0 Process Summary

The Scottish Ministers wish to minimise delays and disruption to Trunk Road users caused by Severe Weather conditions. The Operating Company shall play its part in achieving the above by regularly updating the Severe Weather Bulletin Board in Traffic Scotland.

2.0 Scope

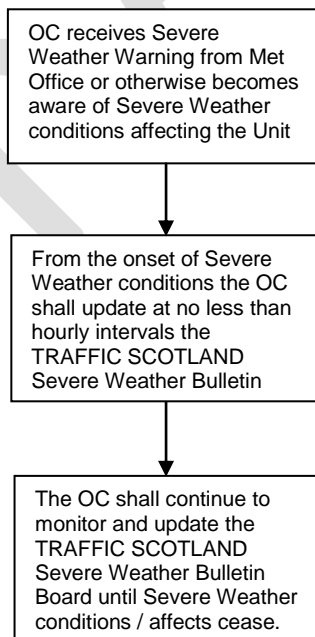
This procedure applies to the following severe weather conditions or resulting affects;-

- Winter weather conditions e.g. snow / ice
- Heavy rainfall
- Flooding
- Landslips

3.0 Definitions

None

4.0 Flowchart



5.0 Process

5.1 Responsibilities

The Duty Engineer shall be the pivotal staff member in the process. The Duty Engineer shall provide the Operational Control Room (OCR) with regular updates on Severe Weather conditions and their affects. OCR staff shall update the TRAFFIC SCOTLAND Severe Weather Bulletin Board at no less than hourly intervals. OCR staff will also receive information from Police Forces which shall also be used to update the TRAFFIC SCOTLAND Severe Weather Bulletin Board

5.2 Severe Weather Conditions / Affects

5.2.1 Severe Weather Warnings

Amey has contracted the Met Office to provide weather forecasting information. The service will provide winter weather forecasts and for the remainder of the year will provide warning of anticipated severe weather conditions. The Duty Engineer will interpret weather forecast information and mobilise appropriate responses.

5.2.2. Winter Weather Conditions

The Duty Engineer will liaise with the Duty Supervisor and gritter / patrol drivers to obtain updates of road and weather conditions during periods of Severe Weather and when the Unit is affected by snow and/or ice. Such information will be forwarded to the OCR to populate the Severe Weather Bulletin Board, as appropriate.

5.2.3. Heavy Rainfall / Flooding / Landslips

If at least two Safety Inspections in a year have not been carried out during or immediately after periods of heavy rain, the Project Manager - Highways shall instruct additional Safety Inspections based on weather forecast information. Safety Inspections carried out during or immediately after periods of heavy rain shall identify areas liable to flooding and landslips. Areas of flooding shall be recorded in IRIS. The OCR shall also forward details of emergency incidents attended by Incident Support Units to Route Engineers for their consideration and assessment of need of further drainage works being required to help prevent future flooding or landslips

6.0 Severe Weather Partners

Traffic Scotland
North East Trunk Roads Unit – BEAR Scotland
South East Trunk Roads Unit - Amey
M8 DBFO - Amey
Police Scotland
SEPA
Met Office

7.0 Record of Revisions

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