

## **SNOW REMOVAL**

During and after a snow storm the Highway Department will dispatch a combination of town-owned equipment and hired contractor equipment to clear snow from the roadways. There are up to (12) pieces of equipment to perform this operation, including four (4) sanding/salting units, which are normally used prior to, and following snow events.

Clearing of the snow and response time involves a number of factors including the timing of the storm, the type of snow, whether it is fluffy and dry or extremely wet, the amount of vehicular traffic on the roadways at the time of the storm which will affect how the snow gets packed on the roadways, and the time of the year that the storm occurs. Also affecting the response is the duration of the snowstorm. A more intense storm, which involves greater amounts of snowfall per hour, will require more salt, sand, and manpower than if that same amount of snow fell over a longer period.

The Highway Department, with the much needed and appreciated cooperation of the Police Department, will respond to slippery roadway conditions as soon as possible.

The Highway Department does its very best to keep streets clear of snow and ice without causing headaches for homeowners. With your help, we can do an even better job. If you have any questions or comments that will help us improve this service, please contact the Highway Department main office at 413-268-8405.