

# *Ottawa County Sheriff's Office*

## INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

**TO:** Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Records

**FROM:** Sheriff Robert L. Bratton

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**DATE:** Sunday, March 02, 2008

**RE:** *Snow Emergency – Level 2 Issued  
Tuesday, February 26, 2008*

On Tuesday, February 26, 2008, at 5:45 a.m., a Level 2 was issued for Ottawa County. This is in reference to an overnight snowstorm that moved into the area. The following circumstances surrounded the issue of a Level 2:

Communications paged me, and upon calling Dispatch I was advised that there had been a large accumulation of snow and that the road conditions were starting to be affected at this time. Various other counties surrounding Ottawa County had already issued a Level 2. Having this information, I then contacted Mr. Joe Verb of the Ottawa County Engineer's Office who was shift supervisor for the snowplows that were in operation. He relayed to me that snow was coming down at a fairly rapid pace, and they were trying to keep one lane open if at all possible. The roads were snow covered, and the wind was starting to pick up at this point. It was felt that with no schools being open and the conditions appearing to be getting worse, issuing a Level 2 would be appropriate.

The Level 2 means that if you do not have to go out, it is recommended that you not do so.

I then contacted County Administrator Jere Witt and discussed the road conditions with him and the potential of a Level 2. We felt that a Level 2 would be appropriate at this time. I had further discussion with him as to where the weather may be heading and advised him that I would be at the office shortly and that we would monitor the conditions.

Communications was then advised to issue the Level 2. We will review the situation at 10:00 a.m. on this date. Further developments will be documented.

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Cc: Sheriff Robert L. Bratton