

Ottawa County Sheriff's Office

INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Records

FROM: Sheriff Robert L. Bratton

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DATE: Thursday, March 27, 2008

RE: *Winter Weather Level Alert
Saturday, March 22, 2008*

On Saturday, March 22, 2008, at approximately 4:30 a.m., I received a page to contact Communications. Upon doing so, I was advised that a storm consisting of a great deal of snow and heavy winds with drifting had hit the area. Major thoroughfares throughout the County in the west end were snow covered with heavy drifting. The east end was reporting similar conditions but possibly not to the extent in the west end. There had been numerous vehicles in ditches, and those motorists had to be assisted by law enforcement.

I contacted Joe Verb of the Engineer's Office and had discussion with him regarding the conditions. He advised that the snow was slowed. However, the winds were a big factor in causing problems for the road crews.

It appeared that in early afternoon there was to be a break in the storm. Its direction was causing the lakefront counties to be hit the hardest. Therefore having assessed the conditions with the Road Division and the Supervisor of the County Engineer's Office, it was determined that a Level 2 would be implemented at this time. I will re-evaluate the situation at 10:00 a.m. on this date.

Further documentation will follow.

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Cc: Sheriff Robert L. Bratton
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