

Ottawa County Sheriff's Office

INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Records Bureau

FROM: Sheriff Robert L. Bratton

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DATE: Sunday, February 01, 2009

RE: *Weather Level Issued
Document No. 1
Thursday, January 29, 2009*

On January 28, 2009, at 12:55 p.m., I notified Communications that at 1:15 p.m. we would issue a Level 2 for Ottawa County. This is due to the snow and the accumulation with the wind now picking up.

At 12:55 p.m., I had cell phone conversation with Joe Verb of the County Engineer's Office. He advised that they have been able to keep up with some of the snow, but the wind was picking up at this point; and he was unable to keep up with some very high drifts that were developing. I then contacted County Administrator Jere Witt and advised him of this information, and it was felt that a Level 2 should be issued at this point.

There had been a heavy accumulation in the early morning. At 3:00 a.m. on this same date I contacted Communications, and we discussed the weather that was taking place at that time. We had very little movement. At approximately 5:30 a.m. I again had phone communications with Communications and found that we did have continued snowfall. However, we were not having any difficulties. At 8:30 a.m. on the same date, I drove into the office from Genoa and found that there was a significant amount of snowfall. However, roads were passable. At that time there was no real wind creating drifts.

At this point there will be an evaluation of Level 2 at 5:00 p.m. on this date. Documentation will follow.

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