

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 Watch
January 29, 2009
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On Thursday, January 29, 2009, while traveling from Carroll Township to the Genoa area, I observed some slight drifting on various roads. I examined some of our major thoroughfares and some of the County roads. There was a little wind that was causing a slight amount of drifting in various areas. One of the areas with heavy drifting was State Route 163 coming out of Oak Harbor toward Genoa. It appeared that the west lane of travel was drifting and needed some attention.

The Communications Center contacted the State, and there was a snowplow in the area in an appropriate time to deal with this problem. At approximately 10:30 p.m., I had conversation with Sergeant Kent Davis. We discussed that one of our cruisers had to be pulled out on a small County road. This particular road was traveled by a deputy while responding to a call. The road had not seen a lot of attention, but it is one that gets very little travel. We did not see any reason to implement a level at this particular point because of the time of night. The State plows were out, and some Township plows were out. However, the County had gone off duty and would not be back until Friday, January 30, 2009, at 5:00 a.m. At that time they would start hitting the roads.

I will make an assessment of the roads at 4:00 a.m. If we are going to go to a Level 2, it will be done at that time so appropriate notification of the news media can be made for our traveling public.

At the Township trustee meeting on this date, all Township trustees were advised that we do have the Level 2 and Level 3 that can still be implemented by myself as Sheriff. We are not using a Level 1. There were no comments in this regard.

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