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Hardin County Road Department Faces Worst-Case Scenario

Elizabethtown, Ky. – The worst-case scenario Hardin County officials feared during last week’s snow event is now reality at the Hardin County Road Department.

Employee shortages continue to rise at the Hardin County Road Department as a second snowstorm possibly moves toward Hardin County. Since last week’s snowstorm, positive COVID cases have emerged causing significant hurdles ahead.

“We have ten positive COVID cases within our Road Department, to include all of our mechanics,” said Deputy Judge/Executive Daniel London. “In addition, we are down one dump truck, which was wrecked from last week’s snow event. It is not all bad news however as we will utilize six experienced – most with past connections to county government -- community members who volunteered to assist after last week’s event and employees from other departments are stepping up. We are fortunate to fill all positions due to the significant community response.”

In addition, equipment shortages continue to climb as we face the upcoming snowstorm. With 12 available trucks, Hardin County Road Department has yet to receive their newest dump trucks, ordered a year and a half ago. The new truck the county was due to receive last week was returned to the company to repair issues found during the initial inspection. The remaining five dump trucks are further delayed.

Hardin County Jailer Josh Lindblom is allocating experienced employees and inmates to assist in the upcoming snowstorm due to the shortage. “We are able and willing to help out in any way we can,” said Jailer Josh Lindblom. “It’s great when you live and work in a County that can come together with strong leadership and dedicated individuals. I am deploying employees with large equipment experience and clearing all county government properties to ensure the road department can focus on the roadways.”

“We are again asking for patience and grace as we fight this snowstorm,” said London. “We are facing unprecedented challenges before the snow even arrives this round rather than the potential for challenges during the snowstorm we anticipated last week.”

Residents are encouraged to prepare and preplan for the possible approaching snow storm. In addition, residents may also use TextMyGov to report concerns or issues for non-emergency related matters.

Snow removal routes remain the same with five areas divided between priority and secondary roads. These lists are posted on the county’s website (www.hcky.org).

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