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CITY SUCCESSFULLY COMBATS FIRST WINTER STORM OF 2017

This past weekend, the City successfully battled the first winter storm of 2017. Facing a snowfall of 7 inches, the Department of Public Works tirelessly manned the streets of Everett and continued to do so with the possibility of more storms ahead.

Forty- six pieces of snow removal equipment, both City-owned and contracted vehicles, were in circulation this weekend. Dozens of crews worked coordinated split shifts, utilizing the plows, sanders, bobcat front-end loaders, and sidewalk plows to ensure the safety of the City's main arteries, side streets and sidewalks. In the days following the most recent storm DPW worked diligently both plowing and coordinating snow removal.

Mayor DeMaria stated, "I want to thank residents for their cooperation and hard work during our first winter storm. Throughout the City I saw residents helping each other by shoveling out elderly neighbors and fire hydrants. And of course I also want to thank our DPW crews for their unyielding effort to keep our roads as clear and safe as possible. Their job is not easy and they deserve recognition for a tireless, and often thankless, job."

A true team effort, several departments were essential in assisting DPW with the snow emergencies. The Police, Fire, Emergency 911, Parking Enforcement and Code Enforcement departments all continue to work alongside DPW during snowstorms. The EPD and Parking Enforcement were instrumental in informing residents of snow emergencies and in removing vehicles not in compliance with regulations, so that plow crews could properly clean neighborhoods and streets. The EFD battled snow mounds and uncovered fire hydrants across the city. Code Enforcement inspectors also worked the duration of the storm, and more importantly after the snow fall, doing their best to assure that people do not dump snow back into the cleaned streets or save parking spots with household objects, both which are prohibited by City Ordinance.

"While we have made significant progress fighting this storm, we still have a lot of winter left to go," states Mayor DeMaria, "the best way to get through it is to continue to work cooperatively as a community and remember that we are all in this together. I ask for residents to remain patient and to follow snow regulations both during and after storms."

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