

INCLEMENT WEATHER SOP

Responsibilities:

DES Operations: Upon notification/learning of possible Inclement Weather which could cause all roadways to be closed or unsafe, the Operations Officer or designee will:

- ❑ Notify Desk Sergeant of possible Inclement Weather.
- ❑ Notify DES/DDES.
- ❑ Notify HHC USAG 1SG/Commander to detail a Ready Squad to be on one-hour recall.
- ❑ Notify Traffic Accident Investigations Section for recall.
- ❑ Notify Garrison Command Group.
- ❑ Notify DPTMS/IOC, Telephonically 760-380-9785/9755 and email at IRWIN-IOC@conus.army.mil
- ❑ Contact CHP for Jack Hammer Pass closure at (760) 255-8700.
- ❑ Monitor CHP Road Conditions http://www.chp.ca.gov/news_traffic/index.html
- ❑ Contact San Bernardino County Roads-Barstow for Electric messaging board placement at (760) 256-3631.
- ❑ Recover snow chains from the storage container and have them on stand-by for installation.
- ❑ Coordinate with 11th ACR for minimal 2 HMMWVs if needed up to 6 HMMWV's with assigned drivers (See OPORD from DPTMS) for patrolling.

Desk Sergeant: Upon notification/learning of possible Inclement Weather which could cause road to be closed or unsafe, the Desk Sergeant will:

1. Instruct patrols to monitor roads in their designated patrol areas and report any changes in the road condition every hour to the dispatcher. The Desk Sergeant may use all patrols available to accomplish this, to include K9, Bike Patrol, Traffic, Game Warden, etc.

2. Instruct a patrol to check Irwin Road to I-15, Old Irwin Road to Cemetery, and Jack Hammer Pass every hour and will report any changes in the road conditions to the dispatcher.

- ❑ If Jack hammer Pass becomes unsafe the Desk Sergeant will notify CHP of the road conditions.
- ❑ Initiate notifications to the following:
 1. Fort Irwin IOC at (760) 380-9785/9755 is to be updated every hour on the road conditions.
 2. Fort Irwin EOC/CDS at (760) 380-5973 is to be updated with IOC.
 3. DES Notification Matrix: make hourly email notification regarding weather and if the weather changes for worse, make immediate contact via telephone to the DES/DDES/Chief of Police/Deputy Chief of Police/Operations Officer and any other designee.

3. Maintain a list of all road ways, when they were checked, and their status until the DES takes control. DES may not assume control depending on the situation.

Patrols: Upon observing an un-passable roadway, patrol will block traffic from crossing and will immediately notify the Watch Commander and Desk Sergeant.

Additional support: Upon the Desk Sergeant determining that additional manpower support is needed, the Desk Sergeant will contact the Operations Officer, who will request additional support from the USAG HHC Ready Squad.

OIC/NCOIC of USAG HHC Ready Squad:

1. DES to be briefed by the Watch Commander or Desk Sergeant. The DES Operations or Watch Commander will designate which roads will be blocked and provide all patrols with hand held radios, cones, and other available equipment.
2. Post Law Enforcement Officers IAW instructions from the DES or Watch Commander.
3. Provide relief for Law Enforcement Officers posted at road closure.
4. Coordinate all mess support for Law Enforcement Officers posted at road closures.

Procedures for closing roads: Traffic control devices will be positioned approximately 200 meters on both sides of the road or as the terrain dictates. If the other side of the road cannot be blocked, the LEO vehicle will be positioned in the roadway with all lights (emergency lights, four way flashers, and headlights) directed toward the opposite side of the crossing.

Road condition classifications (matrix enclosed):

- a. **GREEN: UNRESTRICTED.** Unrestricted vehicle dispatches are authorized. Ideal road, visibility, and temperature conditions exist. Drivers will observe normal precautions and speed limits.
- b. **AMBER: HAZARDOUS ROAD CONDITIONS.** Ideal road, temperature, and visibility conditions do not exist. Increased driving times, hazardous road conditions, and driver experience will be considered in dispatching vehicles under amber conditions. Commanders and primary staff will authorize dispatches under amber conditions. Motorcycles are prohibited from operating on installation roadways.
- c. **RED: MISSION ESSENTIAL.** Road, temperature, and visibility conditions are equal to or worse than those noted in amber road condition status characteristics. The dispatch record for mission essential vehicles will be marked "mission-essential." Battalion-level commanders and division chiefs will authorize dispatch of mission essential vehicles.
- d. **BLACK: EMERGENCY ESSENTIAL.** Only emergency-essential non-tactical vehicle and mission essential tactical vehicle dispatches are authorized. Road, temperature, and visibility conditions are equal to or worse than those noted in RED road condition status characteristics. The dispatch record for emergency vehicles (police, fire, ambulance, and emergency engineer) will be marked "emergency essential." Brigade-level commanders and directors will authorize dispatch of emergency vehicles. Recommendations that operation of Privately Owned Vehicles be limited will be forwarded through all appropriate means.

Procedures for closing Jack Hammer Pass: At no time will the DES close Jack Hammer Pass. Upon notification that Jack Hammer pass is unsafe to travel, DES Operations will coordinate with CHP and San Bernardino County elements to:

- CHP to Assess the road conditions
- San Bernardino County to place Electronic messaging board south of Jack Hammer Pass.
- Emplace Vehicle/Barricade @ NASA Road/Range Road
- Emplace Vehicle/Barricade @ North Loop/ASP Road
- Assist CHP Units on South Side of Irwin Road with Closure

ROADS			
CONDITION	OBSTRUCTION	RESTRICTIONS	REQUIREMENTS
Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No obstructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
Amber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 inches or less of snow covering road surface 3 inches or less of water covering road surface Ice Patches at road intersections Visibility reduced to 200 yards Winds 15-20 MPH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motorcycle operation is prohibited No tactical vehicle restrictions No GSA vehicle restrictions. 	
Red	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-6 inches of unplowed snow covering road surface 3-6 inches of standing water covering the road surface Visibility reduced from 50 to 200 yards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mission Essential Tactical vehicle operations Mission Essential GSA vehicle operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operation of GSA/Tactical Vehicles requires the signature of Battalion-level Commander or Division Chief
Black	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 inches or greater of unplowed snow covering roads surface Sheet Ice as a result of an Ice Storm 6 inches or greater of standing water covering the road surface Visibility reduced from 0-50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Tactical vehicle operations Emergency Vehicle operations only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operation of GSA/Tactical Vehicles requires the signature of Brigade-level Commander or Director