

SOUTH PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

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1. **PURPOSE:** To outline procedures for plowing and snow removal

2. **POLICY:**

➤ **Snow Plowing:**

- Annually, each station shall post a Major Maintenance form for those willing to operate the department's service trucks for plowing the stations.
 - Central Station will be responsible for snow removal:
 - Front ramp
 - Armory Street
 - Parking lot and around training tower
 - In front of doors at Willard (E-42/L-42)
 - Cash Corner will be responsible for snow removal:
 - Front ramp
 - Rear parking lot(s) (NOTE: rear parking lots **cannot** be salted/sanded)
 - Thornton Heights Station (E-46) and parking lot (as needed)
 - Western Avenue will be responsible for snow removal:
 - Front ramp over to turnaround/parking
 - Side parking lot
 - Rear ramp
- Plows should be installed and checked for issues prior to the anticipated arrival of the storm. Any repairs should be completed at this time
- Shoveling, snow blowing, and plowing shall occur as needed during the storm to ensure apparatus can operate safely and efficiently
- Personnel shall not respond code 3 with a plow attached to a service truck
- In a major storm service trucks may respond in tandem with apparatus on calls to assist in gaining access by removing snow
- Plowing of hydrants is allowed but should be undertaken by experience plow operators and should primarily be done overnight when traffic is minimal

- The department custodian will be used during work days to assist the on duty personnel with the plowing
- Prior to shift change the stations shall be cleared of snow (if storm has ended) which includes: walks cleared, doors cleared, and ramps/parking lots plowed. The oncoming crews should not have to complete this task as they will most likely be shoveling hydrants during their shift.

By Order Of:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Selberg', written in a cursive style.

Phil Selberg
Fire Chief