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MAYOR BROWN DECLARES SOUTH BUFFALO DRIVING BAN

Public Safety and Emergency Vehicles Only Permitted Travel Until Further Notice; Corporate Emergency Access System Level 'A' in Effect

BUFFALO – Mayor Byron W. Brown has issued a driving ban in South Buffalo until further notice.

“Due to the extreme winter weather conditions that continue to affect the South Buffalo section of the city and complicated by the closing of the New York State Thruway, I am imposing a driving ban for this area of the city until further notice,” said Mayor Brown. “I encourage all residents of South Buffalo to avoid any unnecessary travel via car and I advise any non-residents to avoid travel to or through this section of Buffalo. Given the high volume of snow that has already fallen in South Buffalo and what is forecasted to continue into this evening, we are deploying all available city snow fighting crews to this area. We need the public’s cooperation to enable these crews to remove snow from the area’s main and emergency thoroughfares, as well as the residential side streets.”

Buffalo Police have established roadblocks at the following intersections:

South Park Avenue and Smith Street
Smith Street and Seneca Street
Bailey Avenue and Clinton Street

All traffic will be denied entry into these thoroughfares unless the drivers reside in the immediate neighborhoods. Traffic will be permitted to exit the area through these police roadblocks.

Mayor Brown also announced that the Corporate Emergency Access System (CEAS) has been activated at Level 'A' for South Buffalo. All participants in the CEAS program are required to present their CEAS identification to police at any roadblock

The purpose of this system is to help mitigate the losses experienced by businesses as a result of an emergency or disaster situation in the City of Buffalo. The CEAS assists local businesses in accessing their facilities in areas restricted to the public due to an emergency condition. It is intended to help participants in the program maintain “core” business functions and take mitigation measures necessary to help maintain business continuity and viability during and after an emergency.

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