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St. Louis County details numbers to note from this week's storm

While many people in the Northland hunkered down (as was recommended) during this week's storm, St. Louis County employees in the Public Works and Sheriff's Office found themselves busier than ever. Here are some numbers worth noting relating to this winter's first major snow storm.

- 112 – plows out on average beginning Monday afternoon through Thursday.
- 3,000 – miles of roads St. Louis County is responsible for clearing. All had been plowed by Thursday evening.
- 10 tons – amount of sand/salt mix carried per load in a tandem truck
- 15,000 tons – estimated amount of salt/sand mix used
- 912 – number of 911 emergency calls answered on Tuesday, Dec. 3. (The average for this time of year ranges from 500 to 650.)
- 994 – number of 911 emergency calls answered on Wednesday, Dec. 4.
- 110 – number of motor vehicle accidents in the county reported via 911 December 3-4. (Of those, 65 were in the City of Duluth.)

Current driving conditions are considered good in all parts of the County except the southeastern portion where the most snow fell. This includes Lakewood and Duluth Townships and part of the City of Duluth. St. Louis County Public Works crews out of the Pike Lake and Jean Duluth maintenance garages will continue operating at an increased staffing level through the weekend, and the expectation is that all County roads will be upgraded to good winter driving condition by early to mid-next week.

Although all county roads have been plowed and cleared, there are still areas where ice is adhered to the road. Drivers are urged to use caution and have patience. Graders will continue to be used to remove the ice buildup, but until temperatures allow for chemical treatment, some ice will remain.

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