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As a result of the January 23rd snow storm the Police Department conducted a safety assessment during the storm, and at the conclusion of the storm concerning the condition of all Borough streets and how the condition of the streets would affect the safety of the residents. The Police Department found that 48 hours after the storm there were 22 snow bound vehicles throughout town that were a hazard, and a threat to the safety of the public due to these vehicles obstructing passage of emergency vehicles such as fire apparatus, as well as emergency medical vehicles. The Police Department took immediate action in having the vehicles towed from the various locations, this action was necessary to ensure that all emergency vehicles have clear passage on all Borough streets in the event of an emergency. I have also listed for your review streets that the Police Department posted as No Parking areas 24 hours after the storm so the Roselle Park Department of Public Works (DPW) could clear and remove snow that was creating a narrowing effect on these roads and making for difficult passage of motor vehicles. The streets cleared of snow are as follows ; **Avon Street, Berwyn Street, Camden Street, Dalton Street, Magie Ave, 100 block of E. Grant Ave, E. Grant Ave in area of Bender Ave, Intersection of Sheridan Ave & E. Westfield Ave, Intersection of E. Grant Ave at Sheridan Ave, Warren Ave, Butler Ave, Meadow Street, Chestnut St (center area), and Hawthorne Street.** All snow was removed from these locations and dumped in the rear area of 200 W. Webster Ave. The snow removal operation was conducted for a three day period and was coordinated between the Police Department and the DPW. The DPW is currently continuing to clear snow in other areas of town, however the aforementioned streets were deemed to be the most hazardous and were considered to be a priority by the Police Department for snow removal. I am also pleased to inform you that there were no reported snow related injuries to any residents or Borough employees during the storm, or after the storm.

I have been informed by Union County Emergency Services Director, Chris Scaturo that Municipalities may be eligible for public assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a result of the January 23rd snow event. If the public assistance is granted this would allow the Borough of Roselle Park to apply for reimbursement of man hours, and equipment utilized during a 48 hour period of the snow storm. On February 3, 2016 myself, and Detective Cocca will be attending a meeting with Union County Office of Emergency Management officials as well as representatives of FEMA where we will discuss the process for applying for these funds, the Governor will also have to apply for a federal declaration so funding may be released. I will keep you informed as to the progress with this process.

Very truly yours,

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