

**SENECA FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDER**

General Order: 535	Rescinds: New Issue
Subject: Hazardous Roadway Conditions	NYS Accreditation: 47.6
Effective Date: 07/01/13 By Order Of: Stuart W. Peenstra, Chief of Police	

I. PURPOSE

To establish procedures for correcting hazardous roadway conditions.

II. POLICY

Hazardous conditions on or near roadways that make vehicular or pedestrian travel unsafe must be corrected. Examples of hazardous roadway conditions include but are not limited to debris on the roadway, road defects, and hazardous surface conditions; e.g. snow/ice missing/obstructed/malfunctioning traffic signs or traffic control signals, and disabled or abandoned vehicles.

III. PROCEDURE

Members will adhere to the following procedures when notifying and advising the appropriate utility or service provider, whether public or private, that such condition exists:

- A.** Members, while on routine patrol or upon dispatched assignment, who observe hazardous or potentially hazardous conditions upon or near roadways, shall report all such incidents to the dispatcher.
- B.** Members will assess the seriousness of the situation and determine whether an immediate response from the appropriate service agency is necessary.
- C.** Members will request that the dispatcher advise the service agency that the condition exists and whether an immediate response is necessary.
- D.** If the situation merits, members will remain at the location of the hazard to warn any vehicular or pedestrian traffic and to direct the responding agency. Unless directed otherwise by a supervisor, members will use discretion when determining what situations require the member to remain at the location.

IV. SERVICE AGENCIES

Members may call on several utility or service providing agencies to correct hazardous conditions. The following lists those agencies that are called upon routinely:

- A.** Town of Seneca Falls Highway Department.
- B.** NYS Department of Transportation.
- C.** Town of Seneca Falls Water Department.
- D.** Seneca County Code Enforcement
- E.** Town of Seneca Falls Code Enforcement
- F.** Town of Seneca Falls Fire Department
- G.** Utility providers for gas, electric, telephone, and cable television.

**NOTE:* Members will adhere to the guidelines of General Order 511 when determining when disabled or abandoned vehicles will be towed.

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