Area Crews Prepare For Winter Weather Battle

(MSC News)--Local road crews, along with the Kansas Department of Transportation, are gearing up to battle whatever winter weather gets thrown this way.

According to KDOT spokeswoman Kimberly Qualls, the agency has personnel at the ready, both day and night, along with around 130 snowplows.

Statewide, KDOT has 130,000 tons of salt and 60,000 tons of salt/sand mix ready for use.

Qualls says motorists should also take precautionary measures if needing to travel in the winter weather, including the use of resources provided by KDOT. Those services can be found <u>here</u>.

Additionally, a winter weather survival kit, such as extra blankets, cell phone chargers, and canned food, should be placed in vehicles.

Qualls says that on a five-year average, \$15.5 million has been spent annually for winter weather related operations in Kansas, with more than 6,000 miles of road covered in such efforts.

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