

State assisting Brown Co in opening roads

**(KNZA)--The state is assisting Brown County in opening roads after a state of emergency was declared by the county.**

**Brown County Sheriff John Merchant provided an update on the road situation Sunday afternoon**

**Merchant said the crews are out in force trying to open roads blocked by drifting snow.**

**He said some are having equipment issues due to the below zero temperatures, but everyone is working together to get roads opened as quickly and safely as possible.**

**Merchant said one of the main obstacles the road crews are facing are abandoned vehicles in the roadways.**

**"It has taken them many hours to either work around them or move them so the plows can continue. A few of these were folks that had to be out, however--most were people who should have stayed home and this is causing a lot of down time."**

**Merchant said several medical emergencies have been avoided due to the road crews responding without question to those in need. He said the worst reported issue so far has been potential frostbite from people stranded in their vehicle.**

**"We have been very fortunate so far, and very blessed to have the caliber of road crews, emergency responders, county employees and citizens who have helped when needed to make the best of a bad situation.", said Merchant.**

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