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*****Winter Storm 3/1/2018 – 3/2/2018*****

Heavy rains, sleet and snow fell across our area starting Thursday night and continuing to the early hours Friday morning. Falling trees, powerlines and snow made travel difficult overnight.

City crews from Public Works, the Police Department and Fire Department worked throughout the night clearing what they could and assessed areas for safety issues. Contact with the Illuminating Company has been ongoing and continues today.

An estimated 70,000 First Energy customers are without power, the bulk of which are in Ashtabula County. As of this morning, First Energy has informed us they are in "cut and run" mode; meaning they are clearing downed power lines and addressing safety hazards in the roadways and on properties. Once these hazards are cleared, restoration will begin but it is not anticipated to start until Saturday. Critical infrastructure will be first to be restored.

Trees that are down and obstructing the roadways cannot be removed by our crews until it is safe to do so and the powerlines are removed. A portion of Rt. 20 near Nathan Avenue is closed due to a tree hitting a utility pole. Please obey all road closed signs and do not drive through these restricted areas.

If you are without power and in need of assistance for medical issues or other critical needs, please call the Ashtabula Police Department's non-emergency number at (40) 992-7172. For all emergencies, as always, please dial 911. The Red Cross has also offered assistance to those without power. They can be reached at (330) 392-2551.

Public Works has cleared the main roadways as well as the secondary streets. They have begun moving through the residential roadways. Please do not park on the streets until crews have cleared the road. Our staff will remain on duty until we clear all our roads. The snow is thick and heavy making the process more time consuming. Public Works is also without power, causing crews to go offsite to fuel our vehicles.

We encourage you to be safe if you must travel and please check on your neighbors and the elderly as First Energy crews restore power. Your patience is appreciated as our first responders and First Energy crews work to clear our area.

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