

## **Hunterdon Emergency Responders Meet The Challenge of Back To Back Storms**

Hunterdon County's 9-1-1 Communications Center, public works crews, and emergency management team and responders rose to the challenge posed by back to back major winter storms Riley and Quinn, during the period March 2 - 8.

Freeholder Director Matt Holt stated, "The Communications center, Public Safety and Emergency Management staff, Building Maintenance, and DPW personnel worked round the clock from March 2 on to monitor, direct, and assist emergency response throughout the County, and to clear roadways and County areas, first of snow, later of downed trees, and again of snow with March 7th major snowfall.

All have been tireless in the emergencies and they have our great appreciation."

During the March 6 Freeholder meeting, Freeholder Shaun Van Doren, Public Works Department liaison, stated, "Our public works crews were out all weekend long in response to the storm. It was an all hands on deck situation, as the personnel put in a total of 347 hours.

Where there were not issues involving power lines, the DPW crews worked expeditiously to clear roadways. Where power lines were down, our crews needed to wait for JCPL to finish their work before the County team could complete the road clearance on County roadways. By Tuesday, all County roads were cleared. Just in time for the snowstorm on March 7."

Freeholder John Lanza, Public Safety Department liaison, reported, "During the peak of the storm, the Communications Center was operating to capacity, utilizing every dispatch console. The Communications Center fielded over 2100 calls which required over 1600 dispatch responses."

For those without power or in need of assistance, [click here](#) for County resources that are available.