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Keeping Fire Hydrants Clear

Bristol, CT, January 30, 2009 — Water Superintendent Robert Longo said Thursday that “While many hydrants around town are buried beneath the snow, Water Department crews are working each day to clear them out”.

Residents are always encouraged to lend a hand by digging out hydrants near their homes. With the importance of keeping the hydrants accessible for the fire department, the Water Department needs some assistance from property owners.

After each storm, Water Department crews focus on hydrants around the City’s schools and Bristol Hospital. Longo said “Once those areas are complete, our crews move out to other areas of the City, yet with the frequency of storms this year and the potential for more snow next week, crews may not be able to get to all hydrants between storms”.

Mayor Ward has asked that residents be diligent in helping the City keep these areas free of snow. If you are unable to attend to a hydrant on your property for health reasons, please contact the Water Department so they are aware of the situation. Mayor Ward stated, “The Bristol Water Department maintains over 1,600 hydrants throughout the City. We ask neighbors to keep an eye out for their area. If we all pitch in to help, potential tragedies may be avoided.

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