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SARATOGA COUNTY ISSUES STORM RECOVERY UPDATE; TRAVEL ADVISORY IN TOWNS OF EDINBURG, DAY

COUNTY TO CONDUCT WELFARE CHECKS; CONTINUES TO URGE RESIDENTS TO AVOID TRAVEL, PREPARE FOR EXTENDED POWER OUTAGES

SARATOGA COUNTY, NY – Saratoga County officials today are advising motorists to avoid travel in the Towns of Edinburg and Day to allow for uninterrupted restoration and emergency response efforts following the July 16th storm. Currently, unnecessary travel is leading to a delay of restoration efforts.

County Officials, including the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office, Office of Emergency Management, and Department of Public Works are working closely with National Grid and advise that this could be a long-duration restoration event.

Saratoga County Sheriff Michael H. Zurlo said, "It is imperative that people stay off the roadways while we continue our emergency response and restoration efforts, not only for the safety of travelers, emergency services, and response crews, but also to allow for a swift restoration of power and clearing of roadways. If you try to travel in this area, you will be denied access. If you have an emergency, dial 911. Emergency services personnel are in the area to help."

ROAD CLOSURES:

- South Shore Road from Foxhill Road to County Route 10 (West Mountain Rd)
- North Shore Road has limited access to allow for emergency crews to continue restoration efforts.
- Various roads in the Towns of Edinburg and Day may be closed temporarily to allow for uninterrupted access for restoration and emergency crews.

UPDATES:

- Door to door welfare checks will take place today on South Shore from Foxhill Road to County Route 10 (West Mountain Rd).
- Travel is restricted in area and numerous roads remain closed.
- The Saratoga County Sheriff's Office is actively involved with numerous patrols in the area and reminds residents this is an active State of Emergency.
- EMS agencies are staged in the area to assist residents.

- Local, County, and State officials, as well as 50 volunteers are assisting with response efforts.
- National Grid has deployed an additional 60 response crews to the area.
- Residents with non-emergency issues or questions should contact their town halls. Day: 518-696-3789 Edinburg: 518-863-2034

Town of Edinburg and Town of Day residents and those with camps or second homes in the area are urged to avoid areas with storm damage and stay away from downed lines while crews work with National Grid to safely clear the areas. Much of the damage cannot be addressed until downed wires are de-energized by National Grid.

More updates will be sent as the situation develops. Residents are encouraged to follow the County's social media for additional updates.

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