



**Highway Maintenance Manual**

**Bureau of Highway Maintenance**

**Chapter 06 Winter Maintenance**

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**Section 10 Storm Management Responsibilities**

**Subject 25 Salting Authority**

**1.0 Salting Authority**

Through annual routine maintenance agreements the Department currently contracts with county highway departments for the maintenance of all state, US-numbered highways, and Interstates. There are a few exceptions to this with the creation of surge contracts for rest areas, weigh stations, and park-n-ride lots. Except for the aforementioned exceptions, the county highway departments have the authority to determine the appropriate response, in compliance with the Maintenance Manual Guidelines, for winter events. Requests by law enforcement agencies to county highway departments that plowing or the application of snow and ice control agents be conducted are advisory in nature. The county highway departments have the authority to exercise discretion related to their response to such requests.