

The Holmes County Engineer announced the public availability of the new “Snow Plow Tracker” application on the Holmes County website (www.co.holmes.oh.us). The application allows the public to view the current location of the snow plow trucks.

“It has been a goal of mine for some time now to show the public when and where the salt trucks are located, and more importantly exactly where we are working at any given moment” said Chris Young, Holmes County Engineer. This application will show the public which roads have been cleared and salted during the harsh winter times. “We have to remember that in severe winter conditions the snow plows may be the only vehicles on the road. They are the front line emergency service during these times and sometimes even these heavy vehicles get in trouble,” said Engineer Young, “From that perspective we needed a way to know when one of these vehicles stopped moving and where they were located so that we can send someone after them.”

The Holmes County GIS Department developed the “Snow Plow Tracker” application at the request of the County Engineer. The snow plow GPS data is plotted over the Google base map and automatically updated every 90 seconds. The application allows the user to monitor all the county snow plow trucks that are in use at that time. A list of all the snow plows and county roads that are assigned to each truck is available on the website, providing the user with the information necessary to monitor only the truck that may clear/salt their road of interest. This will allow the public to access and choose a safer route of travel during these winter months.

The “Snow Plow Tracker” is based off of the “Motorbo GPS.” This is the tracking system that is installed in every plow truck. This system will ensure the safety of our snow plow truck drivers. To learn more on the “Motorbo GPS” please visit:
www.motorola.com/.../StaticFiles/MOTOTRBO%20Holmes%20County%20Case%20Study.pdf?localeId=3