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SNOW COVERED FIRE HYDRANTS

The Joliet Fire Department is asking residents for their help by shoveling out fire hydrants near their homes. Chief Formhals states “This has been a unique winter in that the snow and the melt-off of the snow has been absent this year. This year has been moderate to heavy snowfall for the City, followed by extremely cold temperatures. Due to this weather combination many fire hydrants in the City are now covered by snow”.

There are over 8,000 fire hydrants in the City of Joliet and our fire crews aren’t able to clear all the hydrants. The fire crews shovel “priority hydrants” which are located near schools, hospitals, high rises, and large apartment complexes. Although all fire hydrants in the City are located in the Fire Department’s on-board computers, getting out of the vehicle and finding the hydrant can be the difference between getting water on a fire and holding the crews outside until the water supply is established.

Chief Formhals also reminds parents to refrain from letting children dig into the large snow piles to create “forts”. At some point the weight of the snow above will come down and cause a child to be trapped.

James D. Hock
City Manager

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