UDOT Citizen Reporting Program

2nd National WRTM Workshop and Stakeholder Meeting
September 25-26, 2013
The goal of this Program is to allow trained Citizen Reporters to transmit road condition information (and possibly other information) to the UDOT TOC for inclusion into the TATS road reporting system.
Travel Advisory Telephone System (TATS) Segments
• To begin to cover segments with an extra layer of data provided by citizens that drive the routes often.

**UDOT Weather Operations**

**Program Data Input Sources**

- Citizen Reporting Program
- RWIS Instrumentation
- UDOT TOC Operator and TI Meteorologist Observations (Weather Cameras)
- TATS Reporting (UDOT Plow Crews)
Current Projects

TI Mets (Reports valid for 6 hours have an exponential decrease to 0% and report expires. TI Met reports are never more valuable than a TATS report if they are reported at the same time.)

TATS (Reports valid for 1 hour then an exponential decrease to 6 hours when the report expires. TATS report have priority for 1 hour after reporting and are not overwritten by any other type of reporter)

Citizen Reporters (Reports valid for 3 hours and have an exponential decrease to 0% and report expires.)

Color that appears “on top” is the report that is used for the RYG (not including priority TATS report for 1 hour)
Training Program

- Introduction and Thank You
- Wyoming ECAR Program
- Reporter Selection Process/Criteria
- Program Goals
- Types of Road Users in Utah
- Safety!
- Type of Information to Report
- Definitions of Road Conditions
- Definitions of Weather Conditions
- UDOT Winter Operations information
- Driving Safe around Plows
- The Citizen Reporting app

Citizen Reporter Training

This online training will cover:
- Overall goals of the UDOT Citizen Reporting Program
- The process for reporting your observations
- What to report
- Weather picture examples
- Snow Plow safety

Once you have completed the training, there is a short quiz that you must pass. Then, please complete a sign-up form. Once UDOT receives the completed form, a login and password will be generated for you to allow access to the Citizen Reporting app.
CITIZEN REPORTER PROGRAM – MARKETING STRATEGY

- Web Banner on UDOT Website
- On-line training is ongoing
- Citizen Reporter Logic Development
- Program Assessment

WINTER REPORTING PERIOD (OCT – APR)

- UDOT In-Person Training Session
- Utah Trucking Association In-Person Training
- Utah Highway Patrol In-Person Training
- UDOT Snow School In-Person Training
- UDOT Annual Meeting Training Session
- Citizen Reporter App available on the Android Market/iStore
- UDOT Press Release

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