**Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDot)**

**(PA Emergency Support Function 1 – Transportation)**

**Response**

PennDot is the lead coordinating agency for ESF 1. PennDot and ESF 1 support agencies may assist in the coordination of  transportation needs such as providing road closure information that may inhibit the transport and delivery of food and commodity to a food facility or any other scenario where a key agricultural commodity is potentially being impacted by the emergency.

An incident management system emerged post-Valentine’s Day snow storm of 2007. The resulting overall plan is – rather than queuing traffic, detour it. Assess contingency plans based on the phase you are in.

**First phase** – Impose a progressive system of restrictions. Identify travel corridors experiencing difficulty. Use the message boards on the roads.

**Second phase** – Impose speed limit restrictions (45 mph) – that was used a lot last year.

**Third phase** –  Restrict commercial vehicle travel for 2-4 hours. Remember these phases can be put on corridors and not the whole state. You might be able to travel around the affected area.

**Fourth phase** –  Close on-ramps to interstate traffic. Thru traffic can continue, but no new traffic can enter the system.

**Fifth phase** – Impose a total closure of the system.  This is a very rare occurrence.

Obtain traffic updates from PennDot’s <http://www.511pa.com/> or mobile [PA 511 application](http://www.511pa.com/NetworkCoverage/usingApp.aspx).

The PA 511 site was created in 2009 along with the dynamic road sign messaging system. The 511 system is accessible by any telephone.