Media Advisory – December 11, 2006

Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation invites members of the media to experience a day in the life of a snow plow operator on provincial highways in the form of a snow plow ride-along.

This is an opportunity to see first hand that huge spray of snow by the window, learn how snow and ice are cleared, speak to our operators about their experiences on the road and learn about valuable safety and winter maintenance information that motorists need to know.

Your name will be placed on a list, and you will be contacted by DHT staff in your area of the province the next time the snow hits and the plows are planning to head out.

Please be advised of the following:

- All interested parties must sign a waiver form.
- The ride-along is weather dependant so reporters may receive very little notice of departure times.
- At times the operator may need to stop talking and minimize distractions in order to safely accomplish his or her job.
- Snow plow operators are not expected to answer questions regarding policies or funding.
- Some routes are as long as three hours before returning to the community of origin. Reporters may need to have a vehicle follow the plow to provide a ride back to the community. Individual circumstances will vary depending on area.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact:

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