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**Media Release**

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**CITY OF JOLIET IS REQUESTING HELP WITH THE  
SHOVELING OUT OF FIRE HYDRANTS**

The City of Joliet is asking their residents to help the Joliet Fire Department by shoveling out fire hydrants near their homes. Chief Formhals states “With last week’s heavy snowfall, many of our hydrants are covered with snow. With over 8,000 hydrants in the city, our crews cannot get to all the hydrants to clear. The crews shovel “priority hydrants” that are located near schools, hospitals, high rises, and large apartment complexes. Although all hydrants in the city are located in our 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.

**David A. Hales**  
**City Manager**

The City of Joliet is the third largest city in the state of Illinois, located just 45 miles southwest of Chicago’s Loop. Home to 149,386 residents, in addition to thriving businesses and attractions, the City of Joliet is easily accessible by rail, auto and bus transit. A perfect place to live, work and play, Joliet is constantly striving to promote growth and diversity. For more information on Joliet visit [www.cityofjoliet.info](http://www.cityofjoliet.info) or call 815-724-4000. The City of Joliet’s Media Releases are always available on our website.