



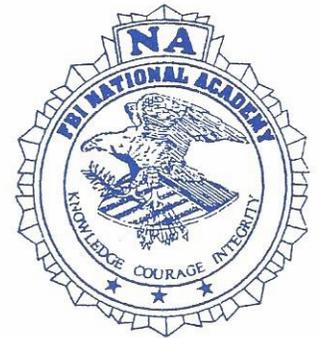
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PARKING ALERT

Due to the storm expected to affect our area on the evening of February 12, 2014, The Garfield Police Department is asking all residents to park in your driveways or in our public parking lots.

We are in need of your help to work together as neighbors and share driveways when possible!

Emergency vehicles and snow plows are much wider than cars. If you have a hard time driving down a street, imagine a fire truck or snow plow trying to travel the same street.

Recent snowfalls are keeping people from parking at normal curb lines, shrinking the width of the street. Parked vehicles are now making it difficult for large Emergency Vehicles and Snowplows from being able to make it up some of our streets. This next storm will start to cause some streets to become impassable without you taking action ahead of this storm. Please remember, our emergency vehicles and snowplows cannot back up in certain situations so we are asking for steps to be taken by all residents.

The new snowfall will cause this problem to worsen to the point where equipment will not be able to get through. The Garfield Police Department is asking for complete compliance in order to maintain public safety during and after this next storm.

Vehicles that cannot be parked in driveways must be parked against normal curb lines. This may require you to dig some snow away from your car prior to this next storm to get your car against the curb. Failure to park your car properly against the curb will affect public safety operations and everyone who lives on your street.

Cars cannot be parked on any type of an angle and must be parked parallel to the curb. State law requires no more than 6 inches from the curb. There is no allowance for snow or ice conditions.

Any vehicle found parked improperly, will be a hazard to safety and will be ticketed and towed at your own expense by the Garfield Police Department with no exceptions during and after the storm. Every street must remain passable for Police, Fire, Ambulance and DPW vehicles.

People who live on streets that are narrow, one way streets and dead ends, would be best served by using off street parking. It will be a temporary inconvenience to you but it will result in optimal safety to your neighborhood.

We are hopeful that all residents will use good judgment and help neighbors whenever possible to keep our roadways clear during these stressful winter storms. Your action can help save lives.

Chief Kevin S. Amos

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