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## **Mayor Champagne Declares Civil Preparedness Emergency** *Town Implements Winter Storm Emergency Plans*

**VERNON** – Mayor Daniel Champagne has declared a Civil Preparedness Emergency for the Town of Vernon in anticipation of the approaching winter storm.

“The town is preparing for a major winter snow storm,” said Mayor Champagne. With blizzard conditions expected, travel can be life threatening. The Mayor urges all residents to stay at home and off the roads to make sure that plows can keep critical roadways open for emergency personnel and utility crews.

Vernon residents are advised of the following:

- A town-wide parking ban will be in effect from Monday, January 26, 2015 at 6:00 pm until Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 8:00 am. Vehicles parked in violation are subject to ticketing and/or towing.
- Governor Malloy has issued a state-wide travel ban beginning at 9:00 pm tonight and until further notice. Anyone traveling in violation of the ban is subject to enforcement action by police.
- Vernon Public Schools will be closed for Tuesday, January 27, 2015. Stay tuned to local media for further updates on school closings.
- There will be no trash collection on Tuesday, January 27, 2015.
- Stay away from downed power lines. Report emergencies and downed power lines to 911.
- Report power outages to Connecticut Light and Power at 800-286-2000.
- Additional information can be found at [www.ct.gov/demhs](http://www.ct.gov/demhs) or [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

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