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**EDWARDSVILLE TOWNSHIP UPGRADES SALT SPREADERS IN PREPARATION FOR WINTER**

***Road District will use Computerized Salt Spreaders***

**Edwardsville, Illinois – October 1, 2014.** Edwardsville Township Highway Commissioner Danny Picarella today announced the Road and Bridge District has upgraded its salt spreading equipment in preparation for what is predicted to be a very harsh winter.

“We have installed computerized equipment on our salt spreaders that allows the Township to more effectively spread salt on our Township Roads,” said Highway Commissioner Danny Picarella. “The system monitors the speed of the truck and controls the auger and spreader to ensure that exactly 400 pounds of salt per lane per mile is distributed on the roads. The system automatically stops when the truck stops. Each system records data such as how much salt has been dispensed over a time period and over what miles.”

Edwardsville Township is one of only a few road districts in Madison County to install such a system, which will reduce the amount of salt needed to maintain safe roads this winter.

“Last year, without the computerized equipment, the Township used approximately 800 tons of salt. This year, we have committed to purchasing 600 tons, a significant savings to our tax payers given that the price of salt has risen 110%,” said Picarella. “Should the area experience a milder winter, the Township can store the salt for use next winter.”

Edwardsville Township Supervisor Frank Miles is excited about the improvements Highway Commissioner Picarella has made since being appointed to the position in June. “Danny has hit the ground running developing this program as well as examining maintenance issues on our roadways, directing improvements at the Township Park, and updating the office functions for the Road and Bridge District,” said Miles. “We are looking forward to many other exciting changes that Danny has planned, and the Township is ready to help in any way possible.”

Edwardsville Township maintains approximately fifteen miles of roads within the Township, which are not within the boundaries of the City of Edwardsville nor the Village of Glen Carbon.

**Edwardsville Township is comprised of the City of Edwardsville, Village of Glen Carbon and unincorporated areas just outside of these two municipalities. The Township Supervisor's office is located at 300 West Park in Edwardsville and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.**

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