



## News from the Ohio Turnpike

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### Ohio Turnpike Announces Winners of Name-A-Snowplow Contest

BEREA, Ohio (Dec. 9, 2022) – The Ohio Turnpike has announced the eight winners of its second annual Name-a-Snowplow contest. Each winner will receive a \$100 cash gift card.

The winners are:

**Ctrl-Salt-Delete**  
Nicole G.

**The Big LePlowski**  
Matthew S.

**Blizzard Wizard**  
Jacqueline F.

**The Blizzard of Oz**  
Annette B.

**Plow Chicka Plow Wow**  
Joshua K.

**Ohio Thaw Enforcement**  
Jonathan H.

**You're Killin' Me Squalls**  
Linda V.

**Clearopathra**  
Samantha S.

A snowplow truck will be named at each of the Ohio Turnpike's eight maintenance buildings: Kunkle (Williams County), Swanton (Fulton County), Elmore (Ottawa County), Castalia (Erie County), Amherst (Lorain County), Boston (Summit County), Hiram (Portage County), and Canfield (Mahoning County) along the 241-mile toll road.

"Motorists should take every precaution to avoid passing the snowplow trucks and allow extra space for the crews to clear the road. Don't crowd the plow," said Ferzan Ahmed, executive director of the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission. "The safest place to be on the road is behind a snowplow truck."

More than 5,500 snowplow names were submitted to [ohioturnpike.org](http://ohioturnpike.org) from Oct. 24 to Nov. 20. Ohio Turnpike officials selected the top 50 names for a public vote. Nearly 1,100 votes were cast from Nov. 21 to Dec. 2.

The contest launch coincided with the Ohio Turnpike's annual [safety inspection](#) of all snowplow trucks and equipment, which was completed from Oct. 18-21.

"Snowplow crews are available at any given moment to maintain the Ohio Turnpike's 1,395 lane miles, 31 toll plaza interchanges and 14 service plazas across 13 counties in northern Ohio," Ahmed added. "The entire Ohio Turnpike can be plowed once per hour with our current staffing and equipment levels at eight maintenance buildings."

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Last season, the Ohio Turnpike's maintenance and roadway crews handled 55 winter storm events, one more than the previous season, and worked more than 32,000 hours to keep the turnpike and its facilities clear of snow and ice.

More than 309,000 gallons of de-icing liquid and 56,000 tons of salt were used to remove snow and ice from the roadway and bridges last season. On average, about 293,000 gallons of de-icing liquid and 65,000 tons of salt are used per year.

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