

WELLS COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2009- 8
An Ordinance Adopting a Travel Advisory Policy
Using the State of Indiana's Established Travel Advisory Levels

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Wells County have had occasion to declare certain emergency levels pertaining to use of Wells County roadways; and

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana has adopted four (4) travel advisory levels; and

WHEREAS, Wells County believes that uniformity of travel advisory levels is advisable so that citizens traveling from county to county know what the terminology means.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Wells County, Indiana, as follows:

SECTION A. There shall be established set terminology with regard to four (4) travel advisory levels and that terminology will be as follows:

1. **Level 4 - Caution** A condition may develop that limits or hinders travel activities in isolated areas. No travel restrictions have been reported but citizens should be alert to changing conditions.
2. **Level 3 - Watch** Routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation. Citizens should use caution or avoid these areas. Schools and businesses may begin to implement their emergency action plans.
3. **Level 2 - Warning** Conditions are threatening to the safety of the public. Only essential travel is recommended (i.e. to and from work, emergency situation, etc.). Emergency action plans have been or should be implemented by businesses, schools, government agencies and other organizations.
4. **Level 1 - Emergency** A state of emergency has been declared. Travel may be restricted to emergency personnel ONLY! Further restrictors may be included.

SECTION B. The travel advisory level shall be declared first by the President of the Board of Wells County Commissioners; and if the President is not available to declare that level, then it shall be declared by the Vice-President of the Wells County Commissioners. If neither of those persons is available then it shall be declared by the remaining Wells County Commissioner.

SECTION C. A violation of Level 1 warning may be deemed a Class A infraction and fines shall be payable upon conviction of the same as determined by the appropriate Court.

SECTION D. This Ordinance may be enforced by all enforcement officers in Wells County as well as the Wells County Attorney and the Wells County Prosecutor or any deputy or appointee there of.