

## POTENTIAL ROAD CLOSURES / FLOODING ISSUES

March 17, 2015

The Newtown Police Department is advising motorists to be prepared for potential road closures due to flooding. The Ohio River is expected to be around 55 feet, which may cause road closures in and around Newtown:

In particular, the 3700 Round Bottom Road and Debolt Road (*Debolt Road is currently closed*) may be closed. We are asking motorists to plan ahead and consider alternate routes such as Clough Pike, Round Bottom Rd to Milford Pkwy, and Newtown Road to Wooster Pike. Round Bottom Road remains opened at this time.

Per The Ohio Department of Transportation, SR 32 will remain closed Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Clean-up will begin Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – the road is expected to open Thursday, depending on clean up and possible damages to the road.

We will generally close roads near intersections to give motorist the ability to use detour routes. Roads around Newtown may be closed (St Rt. 32 near Clear Creek Park and St. Rt. 32 under Beechmont Levy) that impacts traffic.

**For the safety of everyone, avoid all road closures, as the Newtown police will be patrolling and ticketing offenders.**

**DO NOT drive through standing water, as it may be deeper than it appears with possible debris or damage to the roadway such as cracks or potholes. Driving on closed roads (posted or directed by police) could result in a citation. March 23<sup>rd</sup>, a new Ohio law goes into effect making this violation a criminal offense with fees for any rescue. Please plan ahead and take one of the alternate routes if necessary.**

Please check the Newtown website, Newtown Police website and Newtown Police Twitter for updated road closures and flood warnings.