

From the Police Department

From the desk of Chief Sturgill...



WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Plan Ahead:

- Check the weather, road and traffic conditions. Leave early if necessary.
- Familiarize yourself with directions and maps before you go, even if you use a GPS system. Let others know your route and expected arrival time.
- Keep gas tank close to full. If you get stuck in traffic or snow, you might need more fuel to get home or keep warm.
- If possible, avoid driving in hazardous conditions or wait until conditions improve before venturing out.

Stock Your Vehicle:

Carry items for common winter driving tasks and supplies you might need in an emergency:

- Snow shovel, broom and ice scraper;
- Abrasive material such as sand or kitty litter, in case you get stuck in the snow;
- Jumper cables, flashlight and warning devices such as flares and markers;
- Blankets;
- Cell phone with charger, water, food and any necessary medicine (for longer trips or in lightly populated areas).

Stopped or Stalled:

- Stay with your car and don't overexert yourself.
- Put bright markers on the antenna or windows and keep the interior dome light on.
- To avoid carbon monoxide poisoning, clear the exhaust pipe and run your vehicle only long enough to stay warm.

Tips for Driving in the Snow:

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids.
- Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning - nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement.
- The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds.
- Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, the best way to stop is threshold braking. Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.
- Don't stop if you can avoid it. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light change, do so.
- Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get started up a hill on an icy road. Get your speed up on a flat roadway before you attempt going up a hill.



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DID YOU KNOW?

432.205 DRIVING WHILE APPROACHING STATIONARY PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE WITH FLASHING LIGHTS.

(a) The driver of a motor vehicle, upon approaching a stationary public safety vehicle, emergency vehicle, road service vehicle, vehicle used by the Public Utilities Commission to conduct motor vehicle inspections in accordance with R.C. §§ 4923.04 and 4923.06, or a highway maintenance vehicle that is displaying the appropriate visual signals by means of flashing, oscillating, or rotating lights, as prescribed in R.C. § 4513.17, shall do either of the following:

(1) If the driver of the motor vehicle is traveling on a highway that consists of at least two lanes that carry traffic in the same direction of travel as that of the driver's motor vehicle, the driver shall proceed with due caution and, if possible and with due regard to the road, weather, and traffic conditions, shall change lanes into a lane this is not adjacent to that of the stationary public safety vehicle, emergency vehicle, road service vehicle, vehicle used by the Public Utilities Commission to conduct motor vehicle inspections in accordance with R.C. §§ 4923.04 and 4923.06, or a highway maintenance vehicle.

(2) If the driver is not traveling on a highway of a type described in division (a)(1) of this section, or if the driver is traveling on a highway of that type but it is not possible to change lanes or if to do so would be unsafe, the driver shall proceed with due caution, reduce the speed of the motor vehicle, and maintain a safe speed for the road, weather, and traffic conditions.

Village Snow Ban

Residents, please remember that whenever the snow exceeds two inches, the snow ban will be placed into effect. We ask that you refrain from parking on the streets if the weather forecast predicts snow that will accumulate two inches or more.

The CHPD will attempt to notify residents if their vehicles need to be removed from the street. **Vehicles may be cited, and as a last resort towed to allow the the Service Department to clear the streets.** This way you and your safety forces can safely navigate the streets. Also, please pass along this information to your guests.

Stay Safe!!!

Respectfully;

Chief Sturgill

