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Expect the Best



Safety Tips: *WINTER DRIVING*

"Our Wisconsin winters can be unforgiving. They create hazardous conditions that disrupt our routine driving behavior. Ice and snow covered roads require defensive driving techniques that can save lives.

Be prepared. Don't be caught off guard."

~ A message from Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr.

Plan for safe travel:

- **Slow down.**
- **Increase** your stopping distance.
- **Leave early;** allow additional travel time to reach your destination.
- **Turn on** your headlights.
- **Clear** all snow from your vehicle.
- **Buckle** your seatbelt.
- **Stay alert.** Eliminate distractions such as phone use while driving, changing radio stations, eating and drinking.
- **Use caution.** Road conditions can change abruptly, especially on overpasses and ramps.
- **Move-Over** when passing stopped emergency vehicles. If unable to move over, slow down.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation there are 17,000 vehicle crashes during the winter season. Last season (2008), 75 people were killed and 7,000 were injured when roads were covered with ice, snow, or slush.

Traffic information line: 5-1-1