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SALEM COUNTY PREPARES FOR WINTER STORM

(SALEM, NJ)—Freeholder Bruce Bobbitt, Chair of the County Public Works Department, and Freeholder David Lindenmuth, Chair of the County Public Safety Committee, today announced that the County is preparing for the approaching winter storm which is expected to impact the region this weekend.

“Our Public Works Department is trained and prepared to handle whatever mother nature has in store for us this weekend,” said Freeholder Bobbitt. “The department is on standby tonight and through the early morning as the storm approaches. Our employees and contractors will respond to the storm to ensure that our roadways are safe. Please use caution when heading out this weekend.”

“The County Office of Emergency Management is actively monitoring the approaching storm with the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and local officials,” said Freeholder Lindenmuth. “At this time we are waiting to see what path the storm will take, but we will be prepared and staffed appropriately for whatever the situation warrants.”

The following guidelines have been provided by the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management on winter weather preparedness:

Travel Items to Include: All cars should be equipped with road maps, a cell phone, a shovel, a windshield scraper, a towrope, booster cables, and a brightly colored cloth to use as a distress signal. A bag of sand or non-clumping cat litter to spread under tires if stuck in snow is also recommended.

Proper Travel Notification: Drivers should inform someone that they are taking a trip, where they are going, the routes that will be traveled and when they are expected to return. Upon reaching their destination, drivers should call to report arrival. If traveling a long distance, please remember to fill up on fuel prior to making your trip. While traveling, stop frequently to refill the fuel tank. The breaks will help drivers stay alert.

On the Road: Always follow the rules of the road and adhere to the following guidelines:

- Always buckle your seat belt.



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- Brake properly to avoid skidding. If driving on snow or ice, start slowly and brake gently. Begin braking early when approaching an intersection.
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- If the vehicle starts to slide, ease off the gas pedal or brakes. Steer into the direction of the skid until regaining traction, and then straighten the vehicle. For vehicles with antilock brakes, apply steady pressure.
- Visibility and speed:
 - In fog, drive with headlights set on dim or use fog lights.
 - In rain, fog, snow or sleet, stay within the limits of your vision. If it is too difficult to see, pull off the road and stop.
 - Drive slowly and increase following distance. Vehicle speed should adjust for conditions and match the flow of traffic.
 - Watch for slick spots. Be physically and mentally prepared to react.

Additionally, a winter weather safety guide can be found on the official New Jersey Office of Emergency Management website at <http://www.ready.nj.gov/plan/winter.html>. Logging on to the website will allow individuals to access, download, and printout valuable winter storm related information from the state's foremost emergency management site free of charge and available anytime day or night.