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## HPD Inclement Weather Operations and Response

Harrisonburg, VA –

Currently the Harrisonburg Police Department is operating under its inclement weather policy. Road conditions are hazardous, crash call volumes are high and officers are responding to priority calls first.

During inclement weather delayed police response can be expected for report and non-priority calls for service.

The Harrisonburg Police Department would like to remind all citizens and motorists to consider some safety reminders.

1. Evaluate the risk of traveling during harsh weather conditions.
2. Allow sufficient travel time.
3. Clear your vehicle of snow and debris so that it may be seen by others.
4. Be sure you are able to see from inside your own vehicle. It is illegal to drive with unobstructed view.
5. All-wheel drive and four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended. If you are in a crash and your vehicle is not equipped or considered safe for the road conditions you may be held responsible.
6. Allow for extra stopping distance.
7. Wear your safety belt.

If you are in a crash and there are no injuries, move your vehicles off the roadway and call 911 to report the accident. Follow the instructions provided by the emergency communicator. If there is a delayed response or no response by police due to priority calls, exchange information for insurance purposes, then call your insurance company as soon as possible. If the crash involves injury, immediately call 911 and do not move your vehicle. Police will respond as a “priority” to your location.

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