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Inclement Weather Operations and Response

During inclement weather to more efficiently handle the sometimes overwhelming volume of traffic accidents and related traffic problems.

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 enough travel time.
3. Clear your vehicle of snow and debris so that it may be seen by others.
4. Be sure you can see from inside your own vehicle. It is illegal to drive with an obstructed view.
5. All wheel drive and four-wheel drive 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 extra stopping distance.
7. Wear your safety belt.

If you're involved in a traffic crash and there are no injuries, move vehicles off the roadway if possible and call 911 to report the accident, then follow the instructions of 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.

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 non-priority calls for service. Your safety is our number one priority!

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