Christie Administration Urges Driver Safety and Precautions During Severe Weather

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Trenton, NJ - Colonel Rick Fuentes, Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police and Director of the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, is reminding the public about driving safety as more severe weather approaches the state.

Colonel Fuentes is reminding all state residents and commuters to reduce speed when any freezing rain, snow or sleet is falling, or when temperature is approaching or below freezing. Drivers are advised to drive with caution, follow the rules of the road, stay alert and be aware of the changing weather conditions.

Driving safety also involves having a pre-driving plan which includes making family aware of your travel, including routes and estimated times. Make sure your gas tank is full and have a winter survival kit to keep in your vehicle in case of a breakdown or road closures that may force you to stay in your car.

Winter survival kit for your vehicle:

- Warm Clothing
- Gloves
- Hat
- Flashlight with new batteries
- Bottles of water
- Snacks such as protein bars
- Bag of cat litter or ice melt
- Folding shovel
- Cell phone fully charged and car charger

For more information regarding winter safety information or to sign up for the NJOEM Twitter and Facebook pages, please log on to www.ready.nj.gov. Those without internet access can dial 211.

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