



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**WHO:** Washoe County Sheriff's Office

**WHAT:** Storm Preparation

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Washoe County Sheriff's Office wants to remind everyone that calling 911 is for life threatening emergencies only. For a storm related issue, the number to call if you have a problem such as a flooding storm drain for example, is Washoe County Public Works at 328-2180.

Please remember personal preparedness is key in an emergency situation. You should have an emergency plan for yourself and your family which includes extra supplies on hand. Food, water, flashlights, radio and batteries are important, and don't forget to have any life sustaining medications on hand should you be snowed in for a few days. Listen to the radio or television to hear any updates on the storm so you will know what to expect.

Don't forget to consider the outside of your home as well. Anything that may blow away needs to be brought in or secured. Be careful as the temperature drops, walking around the outside of your home will be dangerous and keep an eye on your neighbors, particularly senior citizens and those with special needs.

If you can stay off the roads, please do. If you must go out, be cautious of the standing water in roadways and icy conditions particularly on bridges and overpasses. Washoe County Sheriff's Office and Washoe County Public Works are fully prepared to respond to any storm related emergency on a county wide basis.