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Police in Emergency Status for Accident Responses

Due to winter road conditions and available resources, Springfield Police placed accident response in "Emergency Status" effective 8:10 a.m. this morning. When emergency status is in effect, citizens reporting motor vehicle accidents will be instructed to make a walk-in accident report if the following conditions exist:

- All vehicles involved are operable;
- The accident is a non-injury;
- No alcohol/drug-impaired driver is involved

As soon as conditions allow, Police department response to accidents will be returned to normal.

Springfield Police strongly encourage drivers to pay extra attention to their driving responsibilities during winter weather travel. This responsibility includes totally clearing all windows of ice and snow before driving, allowing greater distance from one vehicle to the next, and being prepared for the mistakes potentially made by other drivers. Also, be especially careful of bridges or other road areas, which often freeze before the rest of the roadway. Reduce speed to better navigate hazardous conditions. A vehicle's brakes are of little use on icy pavement.

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