

CPSO Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness Urges Residents to Prepare for Severe Winter Weather This Weekend

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The Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (HSEP) Division, under Sheriff Henry Whitehorn Sr., is urging residents to take precautions and prepare for severe winter weather forecast to impact the area this weekend.

Forecasts predict freezing temperatures, icy road conditions, and hazardous travel. These conditions may lead to power outages, limited emergency response times, and dangerous driving situations throughout Caddo Parish.

Residents are encouraged to take the following preparedness steps:

1. Avoid unnecessary travel during periods of freezing rain or icy conditions.
2. Check heating systems to ensure they are functioning safely.
3. Protect exposed pipes from freezing.
4. Prepare an emergency supply kit with food, water, medications, flashlights, and batteries.
5. Keep mobile devices charged and have alternative power sources available.
6. Check on elderly neighbors, family members, and those with special needs.
7. Generator Safety

DO NOT place inside any structure

DO NOT place near open doors and/or windows

DO NOT refuel when the generator is hot

Improper generator use can be deadly!

Motorists should exercise extreme caution, slow down, and remain alert for changing road conditions. Emergency services will monitor the situation closely and respond as conditions permit.

Caddo Parish residents are encouraged to stay informed through local media outlets, official parish communication channels, and trusted preparedness resources. For additional winter weather safety tips and emergency preparedness guidance, visit [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov).

The Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office HSEP Division will continue to coordinate with local, state, and federal partners to ensure public safety throughout the winter weather event.

For emergencies, call 911. For non-emergency information and updates, follow the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office app, where we will send push notifications about important information you need to know.

You can access the app by clicking the following link:

[Caddo Sheriff's App](https://www.caddosheriff.org/app/).

Attachments

