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**Preparations Underway for Freezing Rain and Snow**

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness is on alert for sleet, freezing rain and snow expected in the Shelby County area this evening. A Winter Storm Warning has been issued for Shelby County.

**“Our emergency services coordinators are prepared. Director Bob Nations and his staff at the Shelby County Office of Preparedness are in constant contact with the National Weather Service and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency,”** said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

The National Weather Service says the wintery mix will likely cause travel difficulties throughout the evening. **“Ice has already caused tree limbs to break in some sections of the county. We want everyone to keep a close check on the weather. We don’t want people stranded on icy roads,”** said Director Nations.

Shelby County Sheriff’s Deputies will also be in constant contact with staff at the Office of Preparedness relaying road conditions throughout the county. Shelby County Public Works crews are also prepared. **“Our salt and sand trucks are loaded and ready to respond,”** said Shelby County Public Works Director Tom Needham.

Citizens need to also take precautions by checking on relatives and friends, especially those who are elderly, disabled or live alone. Pets should also be sheltered.

**Here are some winter weather safety tips:** Avoid being outside if possible. Dress warmly and wear layers of clothes. Keep water lines dripping, insulate outside water faucets, and have plenty of blankets should power go out. If using a generator, make sure you vent the exhaust. Never use charcoal indoors. The vapors are deadly.

For vehicles, check the antifreeze level, windshield wipers and have a full tank of gas. Always have a heavy coat, hat, gloves and walking shoes in case your vehicle gets stranded. Keep an emergency kit on board with first aid materials, bottles of water and snack foods.

For more information, go to the Shelby County Office of Preparedness HLS/EMA Facebook Group or [Twitter@SCOP\\_HLS\\_EMA](https://twitter.com/SCOP_HLS_EMA) or call **(901) 515.2525**.

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