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Winter Storm Warning Cancelled-Streets Still Treacherous

Wind-chill temperatures are expected to remain at or below ten degrees overnight. That will again create hazardous driving conditions throughout Shelby County. **“Slush on the streets is freezing over. An icy glaze will again cover the bridges and overpasses tonight. Motorists need to use extreme caution,”** said Dale Lane, Director of the Shelby County Office of Preparedness.

Since yesterday afternoon, representatives of public works, law enforcement, fire department and emergency services agencies have coordinated their efforts at the Shelby County Emergency Operations Center.

The Memphis Office of Emergency Management will oversee a warming center through seven o'clock tomorrow morning at the Orange Mound Community Center at 2572 Park Avenue.

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness will monitor weather-related incidents overnight through contact with area law enforcement agencies, the Tennessee Department of Transportation and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency. Public works trucks will continue to spread salt and cinders on streets throughout the night.

Icy conditions forced the closure today of many businesses, schools and government agencies including the Shelby County courts. Shelby County Government administrative offices will OPEN at 9:00 tomorrow morning, an hour later than usual.

“It’s important we’re on the job to conduct business. However, supervisors are aware some employees will be late due to the icy streets,” said Harvey Kennedy, Chief Administrative Officer of Shelby County Government.

High temperatures will be at or near freezing for the next few days. Low temperatures will be in the single digits.

Citizens need to keep a close watch on relatives and friends, especially those who are elderly, disabled or live alone. Pets should also be sheltered.

For more information about preparing for winter weather, go to the Shelby County Office of Preparedness HLS/EMA Facebook Group or Twitter@SCOP_HLS_EMA or call **(901) 222-6700**.

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