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## **Kendall County Sheriff's Office and Kendall County Emergency** Management Agency Urge Citizens to Prepare for Winter Travel

The Kendall County Sheriff's Office and Kendall County Emergency Management Agency would like to remind citizens that current weather forecasts for the area are calling for a strong storm system expected to spread moderate to heavy snow across the area tonight into tomorrow. The Kendall County Sheriff's Office and other local emergency services are prepared for the upcoming event and ready to serve the community.

If you must travel, please make the following preparations:

- Make sure your vehicle is full of gas prior to departure.
- Make sure your cellular phone is charged and you have a charger.
- Pack a winter weather kit containing: Blankets or sleeping bags, flashlight, with extra batteries, first aid kit, food, water, extra clothing, shovel, tool kit, battery booster cables compass, road maps, and sand or cat litter for traction.
- Make sure a family member or trusted friend knows where you are going, and the route you plan on taking. Advise them when you are leaving, and you plan on returning.
- The Kendall County Sheriff's Office will implement our winter storm response plan during this weather event. If you are involved in a non-injury minor traffic collision and need a crash report two options will be available to you. If the vehicles are drivable, you may come to the Sheriff's Office with both drivers and vehicles immediately following the accident and complete a desk report. You may also exchange information on scene and plan to meet with all parties involved on later date and time at the Sheriff's Office to complete the accident report. We encourage you to exchange driver's license, registration, and insurance information while on scene.

There are several locations throughout Kendall County where citizens can go if they need to get out of the elements in a hurry. Click the link below to view these locations: <a href="https://www.co.kendall.il.us/wp-content/uploads/warming\_centers.pdf">https://www.co.kendall.il.us/wp-content/uploads/warming\_centers.pdf</a>

In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1. The non-emergency phone number for the Kendall County Sheriff's Office is 630-553-5856.