



Thurston County Sheriff's Office

"Creating a Safer Community Together."

Sheriff Dan Kimball

Community Alert

Date: December 17, 2008

Neighborhood/ Area: All

Nature of alert: Winter Safety Tips

Details: With our current and forecasted cold weather over the next week or so it is important to keep in mind some safety tips.

- **Stay off of frozen lakes and ponds. While it may look tempting to take a stroll onto the ice, it is extremely dangerous. The ice may look thick; however, it is often thinner than it appears and cannot support the weight of a human or a pet.**
- **Make sure that you have proper ventilation for generators. Approximately 200 people died last year in the U.S. due to carbon monoxide poisoning from poor ventilation. Do not bring outdoor heating devices into the home (i.e. barbeques and other cooking equipment) They also produce deadly carbon monoxide.**
- **Check on your friends and neighbors, especially the elderly.**
- **Insulate pipes and consider allowing faucets to drip slowly during the cold weather to avoid freezing.**
- **Make sure that you have plenty of food, water, flashlights, and generator gas on hand.**
- **Keep extra blankets, food, and water in your vehicle.**
- **Make sure that outdoor pets have a clean dry shelter from the weather.**

Have a Safe Holiday Season!

Chief Deputy Dave Pearsall

Photo (if necessary/ available):

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