



## **Thurston County Sheriff's Office**

*"Creating a Safer Community Together."*

**Sheriff Dan Kimball**

# **Community Alert**

**Date: December 9, 2009**

**Neighborhood/ Area: All areas of Thurston County**

**Nature of alert: Cold Weather Tips**

**Details: The Sheriff's Office wishes everyone a very Happy Holiday Season. In recent days we have reached record low temperatures. I would like to provide a few safety tips for this cold weather season.**

**Dress in layered clothing and wear some sort of head gear/covering.**

**Check space heaters for sufficient ventilation and wire condition.**

**Do not use charcoal or gas grills indoors.**

**Check on your neighbors – especially the elderly.**

**Keep pets inside.**

**Never use an electric generator indoors, inside the garage, or near the air intake of your home because of the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.**

**Insulate any water lines that run along outer walls.**

**Prepare your home and car for cold weather.**

**Have a week's worth of food and safety supplies.**

**Keep a water supply.**

**Parents: With the cold temperatures many ponds and lakes are beginning to freeze.**

**While children may feel that it makes for a great place to play, it's actually very dangerous. Please keep your children safe and do not allow them to play on frozen ponds or lakes.**

**Contact info: If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us (360) 786-5500.**