

---

---

**February 6, 2014**  
*PRESS RELEASE*  
FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION

CONTACT:  
Fire Chief Kenny West  
(770) 228-2129

---

---

## SPALDING COUNTY RESIDENTS: SAFETY ON OUR ROADWAYS DURING WINTER WEATHER

As the threat of winter weather continues, the issue of safe driving can never be emphasized enough. The main rule of thumb is if there is a question about the roadways and you can stay home, **please stay at home!** Weather radios and other media sources are vital to gather important details to assist with determining the danger that could be associated in getting out on the road. Here are some other things to keep in mind when driving in winter weather is necessary:

- Turn on your vehicle headlights.
- Reduce speed to accommodate for the road conditions.
  - Use caution on hills and decrease speed.
  - Watch out and be aware of black ice.
- Keep a safe distance of three to four car lengths from all other vehicles.
- Give snow and emergency vehicles the right-of-way and keep a safe distance at all times.
  - Watch out for pedestrians that may be walking in or on the roadways.
- Make sure you have a well charged cell phone when traveling in winter conditions.
- Keep an emergency kit that includes a warm coat or blanket, flashlight, gloves, snacks, water and a snow shovel.
- Make sure your vehicles are winter ready:
  - Inspect windshield wipers and washer fluid levels.
  - Make sure your tires are properly inflated, including the spare.
  - Check the anti-freeze level in your vehicle and make sure all of the accessories are working properly such as headlights, heater and defroster.
  - Have a good ice scraper.
  - Have a good map.

**For any questions, contact the Spalding County Office of Homeland Security  
at 770-228-2129.**

###