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Calvert County Government Urges Citizens to Prepare for Winter Storm

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Jan. 30, 2021 – The National Weather Service has issued a winter storm warning for our area in anticipation of a winter storm that is expected to impact Calvert County beginning in the early morning hours and throughout the day Sunday, Jan. 31. The Calvert County Department of Public Safety urges all citizens to stay off the roads during and immediately after this weather event, and to be prepared for winter weather.

During severe winter weather events, the primary concern is the potential loss of heat, power, telephone service or a shortage of supplies if storm or weather conditions continue for more than one day. Residents should have the following items available:

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Battery-operated NOAA weather radio and portable radio to receive emergency information; these may be your only links to the outside
- Extra food and water; high-energy food and food requiring no cooking or refrigeration is best
- Extra medicine and baby items
- First aid supplies
- Heating fuel
- Emergency heating source (fireplace, wood stove, space heater, etc.)
- Fire extinguisher and smoke detector

If travel or outside activity is required, citizens should:

- Keep dry. Change wet clothing frequently to prevent loss of body heat.

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- Watch for frostbite. Symptoms include loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately.
- Watch for hypothermia. Symptoms include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, slurred speech, drowsiness and apparent exhaustion. If symptoms are detected, get the victim to a warm location, remove wet clothing, warm the center of the body first and give warm, non-alcoholic beverages if the victim is conscious. Get medical help immediately.

Residents are encouraged to consider family members or neighbors with special needs and assist them in preparing for the winter weather. To stay informed on approaching weather events, residents should monitor local television channels, radio stations and the Internet.

Residents are encouraged to stay informed and prepared in the event of an emergency by visiting www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/BeAwarePrepare and signing up for Calvert County ALERT to receive timely information about various emergency and non-emergency situations in the county.

Updates will appear on the Calvert County Government website, www.CalvertCountyMd.gov, Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd and Channel 6/1070 HD.

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