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NJOEM Encourages Winter Weather Awareness

West Trenton, NJ – In preparation for the 2008-2009 winter season, Colonel Rick Fuentes, Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police and Director of the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, invites all New Jersey residents to participate in Winter Weather Awareness Week beginning Monday, November 17 and ending Friday, November 21.

During Winter Weather Awareness Week, New Jerseyans are strongly encouraged to prepare their homes, vehicles, and discuss with family members the potential effects of winter storms as well as learning about how to calmly and safely manage some winter's challenging conditions.

"By proactively preparing for winter weather before the first snow flakes fall, you are helping to protect yourself and your family from the winter elements that sometimes encounter in our great state," said Colonel Fuentes.

A winter weather safety guide can be found on the official New Jersey Office of Emergency Management website at <http://www.ready.nj.gov/plan/winter.html>. Logging on to the website will allow individuals to access, download, and printout valuable winter storm related information from the state's foremost emergency management site free of charge and available anytime day or night. Winter Safety tips are also available to residents without Internet access by calling 2-1-1.

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