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Charleston County Sheriff's Office encourages residents to stay home during winter weather

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – The Charleston County Sheriff's Office is advising residents to stay home over the weekend as possible winter weather could create dangerous driving conditions across the region.

Charleston County Sheriff Carl Ritchie has increased staffing for the agency and staged additional equipment to respond quickly to emergencies. Ritchie and fellow safety officials across the county stress that avoiding travel will be the safest option.

"Our priority is keeping everyone safe," said Sheriff Ritchie. "We have extra deputies and resources ready to assist, but the best way to prevent accidents and injuries is to stay off the roads. If you don't have to travel, please stay home and allow our crews to work."

According to the latest information from the National Weather Service, Charleston County will experience record low temperatures and several inches of snowfall this weekend. Precipitation is expected to begin with rain showers early Saturday morning, transitioning to snowfall as temperatures drop.

Residents are encouraged to monitor local news and official social media channels for updates. Anyone who must drive should use extreme caution, reduce speed, and allow extra time for travel.

For emergencies, call 911. For non-emergency assistance, contact the Charleston County Sheriff's Office at (843) 202-1700.

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