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MCSO Responds to 60 Crashes During Winter Storm

Milwaukee, WI (January 26, 2021) The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) responded to 134 winter weather service calls in 18 hours, between 10:00 p.m. on Monday, January 25, and through 4:00 p.m. today.

The type of calls the deputies responded to are:

- Property Damage Crashes: 53
- Crashes with Injuries: 7
- Disabled Vehicles: 71
- Abandoned vehicles: 3

During this period, MCSO reminds the motoring public of the following tips for safe driving in winter weather conditions:

- Remember that excessive speed and following too close contribute to crashes
- Reduce your speed to match road conditions. Double or even triple your following distance; instead of keeping two car lengths between you and the car in front of you, maintain a distance of four or even six car lengths.
- Wear your seatbelt.
- Make sure your headlights are on.
- Slow down and prepare to stop.
- Move over or slow down for first responders and emergency personnel
- If you are in a ditch: Turn on your hazard lights, remain in your vehicle, and call 911.
- If you are in a crash and your vehicle is still drivable; It's safer to drive off the freeway to the nearest exit. Once you have removed your vehicle from the highway, call 911 or MCSO's non-emergency number, 414-278-4788.
- If you are in a crash and your vehicle is not movable, or you are injured: Turn on your hazard lights, remain in your vehicle with your seatbelt on, and call 911

Our Patrol Division continues to be present throughout our freeway system aiding motorists and ensuring commuter safety during times of inclement weather.

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