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PRESS INFORMATION

WINTER STORM REMINDER/TIPS 021817 @ 5pm EVACUATION CENTER & UPDATE

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT:

The Sheriff's Office continues its efforts with its many partners in Tehama County such as CAL FIRE, Tehama County Public Works, Tehama County Department of Social Services, The American Red Cross, Tehama County Building Department, Tehama County Probation Department, Tehama County Health Services Agency, and the Tehama County Environmental Health.

The Tehama County Sheriff's Office is partnered with the California Office of Emergency Service to serve the citizens of Tehama County.

We would like to remind you and provide you with some helpful tips to assist you through this trying winter storm.

If you live in an affected area have had any flooding or water issues contact your local **Environmental Health Department** to determine if it is safe to drink the water coming from your faucets in your homes, especially if the water comes from a well, cistern, or spring.

Additionally, if possible the Tehama County Sheriff's Office would urge residents to shelter in place if possible. **Evacuations have continued at the Driftwood RV Park, Los Molinos. The American Red Cross has (1) shelter open in Tehama County to assist citizens. The shelter is in Los Molinos at 7900 Sherwood Blvd. (Los Molinos High School). The second Evacuation Center has been closed for residents from the Corning area as the evacuees are in the process of moving to the Los Molinos Shelter.**

The Tehama County Fairgrounds has closed its center for accepting small animals.

If residents need to drive during the storm the Tehama County Sheriff's Office would like to offer the following tips on how to drive in a flood.

- 1) If you don't need to drive anywhere stay home.**
- 2) Pay attention to barricades. Don't ignore them by driving past them.
- 3) Don't drive through standing water on roads or in parking lots. The average automobile can be swept off the road in 12 inches of moving water, and roads covered

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by water are prone to collapse. Attempting to drive through water also may stall your engine, with the potential to cause irreparable damage if you try to restart the engine. If you come upon a flooded street, take an alternate route.

- 4) Take extra precautions if you're forced to drive through water. If no alternate route exists and you have no other reasonable alternative but to drive through standing water.
 - Do your best to estimate the depth of the water (if other cars are driving through, take note of how deep the water is).
 - Drive slowly and steadily through the water.
 - Avoid driving in water that downed electrical or power lines have fallen in — electric current passes through water easily.
 - Watch for items traveling downstream — they can trap or crush you if you're in their path.
 - Stay off the telephone unless you must report severe injuries.
 - If your vehicle stalls in the deep water, you may need to restart the engine to make it to safety. Keep in mind that restarting may cause irreparable damage to the engine.
 - If you can't restart your vehicle and you become trapped in rising water, immediately abandon it for higher ground. Try to open the door or roll down the window to get out of the vehicle. If you are unable to get out safely, call 911 or get the attention of a passerby or someone standing on higher ground so that they may call for help.