Keeping Minnesota Ready



MINNESOTA WINTER HAZARD AWARENESS WEEK - NOVEMBER 9 - 13, 2015

Emergency Managers, responders and other health and safety professionals across the state normally have their plates full just keeping their citizens safe from everyday threats and harm. Doing it through a Minnesota winter just makes it harder.

That's why the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) sponsors the annual "Winter Hazard Awareness Week" public information campaign each year.

The week features an intense media campaign that highlights specific daily topics related to winter weather safety. The HSEM <u>Winter Weather Safety website</u> offers additional information, checklists, and other informational resources to assist in local education efforts throughout the season.

Local professionals and volunteers can use these resources to engage their fellow citizens and local media to focus on these hazards and help ensure everyone has a safe and warm winter season.

WINTER HAZARD AWARENESS WEEK TOPICS

- o Monday, November 9:
 - <u>Winter Weather Overview</u> Ice storms, blizzards, sub-zero temperatures, winter weather watches and warnings and wind-chill
- Tuesday, November 10:
 - Outdoor Winter Safety Safety on ice, snowmobile safety, hypothermia and frostbite
- Wednesday, November 11:
 - <u>Winter Fire Safety</u> Winter and holiday fire safety, alternative heat sources, smoke detectors, cooking safety, candle and decorations
- Thursday, November 12:
 - Indoor Winter Safety Carbon monoxide, radon, mold and general home care
- Friday, November 13:

Winter Driving – auto safety, snowplows, road conditions, using 5-1-1, winter driving tips, car survival kits.

If your organization is planning a local winter safety outreach campaign, or would like to, please contact HSEM for assistance and to share your ideas and plans. For comments, questions, support and idea sharing, please feel free to contact:

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