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SHERIFF PHILIP POVERO STRESSES WINTER DRIVING SAFETY

Ontario County Sheriff Philip Povero urges motorists to be especially careful driving as we make the transition from fall into winter. These periods of transition into wintry weather can make driving on local roads more challenging.

Sheriff Povero indicated that falling temperatures and light precipitation will soon cause roads to become slippery. Bridge surfaces and elevated highways will always freeze before other parts of the highway.

The Sheriff noted that making the adjustment from summertime driving to winter weather driving is difficult for many people. We need to remember to allow more distances between cars and more distance for coming to a stop at intersections.

This is also the time to make sure that our cars are ready for the winter. Snow tires feature a more aggressive tread pattern and a softer rubber compound which increases traction in snow. Making sure that your heating and cooling systems work properly will help prevent a breakdown on the road. Exhaust systems should also be checked to make sure that carbon monoxide gases are not seeping into the interior of the automobile. Good wiper blades and headlights will also help motorists during periods of inclement weather.

The winter will be with us for about five months and we have to prepare now to drive safely in the snow and slush.