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SHERIFF'S OFFICE PREPARES FOR INCOMING WINTER STORM CONDITIONS

The St. Charles Parish is preparing for dangerous winter storm conditions in the parish and surrounding parishes beginning mid-morning Tuesday and lasting possibly until Thursday morning.

Sheriff Champagne urges residents to plan ahead so they will not have to travel when road conditions start to deteriorate.

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre Jr. declared a state of emergency at 10 a.m. today ahead of the incoming wintry precipitation, likely freezing rain and sleet. Hard freezes are expected Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The EOC is in constant communication with local and state responding agencies, as well as local industry, as it prepares for possible accumulated ice of up to one-third of an inch. This could result in downed limbs and power lines and subsequent power outages.

The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office will continue to evaluate road conditions throughout St. Charles Parish during the next few days. The Sheriff's Office will be working closely with the Louisiana State Police, Louisiana Department of Transportation and St. Charles Parish Emergency Operations to monitor conditions on the Hale Boggs Bridge (I-310), Bonnet Carre Spillway Bridge (US 61) and Bayou Des Allemands Bridge (US 90). Additional personnel are in place should additional manpower be needed.

Should road closures be required, the information will be posted and shared with local media outlets. Residents should monitor the department website, social media feeds and local media for any updates.