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The Mono County Sheriff's Department hopes that everyone had a great holiday sharing memories past and present with friends and families. We have had a successful year and hopefully provided our citizens and visitors with the law enforcement services you expect and deserve.

In looking forward to 2010, we would like to remind you of a few safety tips to have a safe and wonderful winter experience in Mono County.

Be prepared for the severity our winter weather can bring. We frequently have road closures, power outages, extremes in temperature, and high winds that can strand motorist and outdoor enthusiasts. Make sure you have proper clothing, food, and water for a few days in case of sustained power outages or road closures. An alternate source of heat is also advisable but always be aware of carbon monoxide poisoning from certain heat sources. If you are stranded in a vehicle during a storm, stay put. Make sure your exhaust system is not covered by snow so as to reduce carbon monoxide emissions into your vehicle. Listen to one of our local radio stations for emergency broadcasts. In some areas of the County we do have a local A.M. radio broadcast, 1610, for localized conditions. As soon as conditions warrant, emergency services personnel will get to you. Remember to always carry chains in your vehicle when traveling in snow country.

If you are planning on going for a day hike or longer, know the weather before you go and be prepared to be stranded in case the weather changes while you are out. Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you will be back.

For those with medical concerns where special medications or other treatments are necessary, plan ahead so if you are stranded in your home for 3 or 4 days you will have everything you need.

The Mono County Sheriff's Office has a "Code Red" alert message system for all listed phone numbers in Mono County. This system is designed to inform the public as to a significant event or prediction of an upcoming event that may impact public safety. The message is not designed to scare our citizens but to inform them of the potential for and the likelihood that an unusual condition is occurring or about to occur. If you would like

to have your home phone or cell phone notified in case of any unusual event, please log onto our website, www.monosheriff.org and follow the link for “Code Red”. If you have any questions regarding the system you can contact our office and speak to a watch commander or Sergeant Booher at (760) 932-7549.

Once again, we look forward to serving the public in our endeavor to provide the highest level of public safety services and hope you have a safe and enjoyable time in Mono County.

Sheriff Rick Scholl

The law requires that arrest information be made available to the public. This publication may contain suspect information about individuals booked by the Mono County Sheriff's Department recently. Names of juveniles (under 18-years-old) are not public. Suspect information and ongoing investigation details are also withheld. Since most cases have yet to be adjudicated, all charges should be considered allegations. For questions/concerns regarding any information contained in this publication, contact Undersheriff Ralph Obenberger at (760) 932-7549.