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Winter Weather Preparedness Week, November 12-18, 2006

Governor Mitch Daniels has proclaimed November 12-18, 2006 as Winter Weather Preparedness Week in Indiana. “Winter weather is nearly here and now is the time to prepare,” said Dave Tucek, Warning Coordination Meteorologist of the Indianapolis National Weather Service Office. “Extreme weather occurs every winter. This year should be no exception,” Tucek added.

Preparation is the key for what winter brings. “Ensuring your home and vehicle are ready and having a winter weather safety plan are important,” said Pam Bright, spokesperson for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security which helps assist Hoosiers before, during, and after emergencies. “Make sure your home emergency kit is ready and your family is familiar with your disaster plan,” said Chris Hintz, spokesperson for the American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis. “Keep food, water, first aid, medicines, clothing, blankets, flashlights, batteries, family documents and other supplies on hand in your emergency car kit,” Hintz added.

Travel can be difficult during snow and ice storms. “School bus drivers have been trained and are ready for what winter may bring,” said Pete Baxter, Director of school traffic safety for the Indiana Department of Education. “We want all our Hoosier motorists and road crews to have a safe winter season. Snow plows turn and exit the road frequently and drive much slower than posted speeds, so we ask motorists to stay a safe distance behind snow plows and give our drivers room to work,” said Indiana Department of Transportation Commissioner Thomas Sharp. “Driving slower and leaving greater distance between vehicles during adverse weather are keys to safe driving,” said Lt. Scott Beamon of the Indiana State Police.

Please join us and present winter weather preparedness materials to your customers.