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STATE POLICE INVESTIGATE ACCIDENTS IN STATE'S FIRST WINTER EVENT

SNOW/SLEET/and FREEZING RAIN contributed to the cause of 186 crashes that occurred during Connecticut's first winter storm event. Connecticut State Police responded to and investigated each one of these accidents on both interstate highways and secondary roads in the state. Twenty three (23) of these accidents resulted in injury to drivers and occupants.

One of the most serious accidents reported took place on Rt. 72 near exit # 1 in Plainville. Two people were killed in that accident on Rt. 72. That accident remains under investigation.

State Police remind motorists that a reduction in speed on all roads is absolutely necessary during any winter storm event. Motorists should always reduce their speed, extend distances between cars and always be prepared for an emergency on the road.

All cars should be prepared for winter driving. Double check your tire, wipers, and always keep your gas tank full. It is also recommended that each car contain a winter safety kit that contains a warm blanket, shovel, flares and a first aid kit.

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