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## STATE POLICE INVESTIGATE ACCIDENTS IN WINTER STORM

**SNOW/SLEET/and FREEZING RAIN** contributed to the cause of 266 crashes that occurred during Connecticut's most recent winter storm event. Between 5:00p.m. On Sunday 12/19/04 and Monday 12/20/04 3:00 p.m. Connecticut State Police responded to and investigated each one of these accidents 266 crashes on both interstate highways and secondary roads in the state.

Twenty-two (22) of these accidents resulted in injury to drivers and occupants.

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 you 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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