Ice and Snow...Take It Slow!

Traveling by car in wintery weather conditions can be hazardous and scary. Preparation is critical to ensure safe trips. The three P’s of Safe Winter Driving provide tips for safe driving in winter storms: PREPARE for the trip; PROTECT yourself; and PREVENT crashes on the road.

Explore the Checklist and Tips for Safe Winter Driving published by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

- Regardless of the vehicle you drive, slow down for winter driving conditions. Even an SUV with four-wheel drive might be unable to stop or maintain control;
- Leave plenty of room between your vehicle and others. It takes more time and distance to stop your vehicle on wet roads; and
- Avoid using cruise control in winter driving conditions. You need to be in control of your speed based on road conditions.

Winter conditions call for different driving tactics—slower speed, slower acceleration, slower steering and slower braking. Remember ice and snow, take it slow!