



Parish of Ascension

OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT

TOMMY MARTINEZ
Parish President

Winter Weather Event-- 02—7:00 a.m. **Winter Weather Preparation – Heating Safety Checklist**

Contact: Lester Kenyon (225) 450-1138; E-mail: lkenyon@apgov.us
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 28, 2013

GONZALES – Ascension Parish President Tommy Martinez is reminding parish residents to exercise caution while using heating devices during the current Winter Weather Event.

The following checklist is provided by the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention.

- Turning on the stove for heat is not safe; have at least of the following heat sources in case the power goes out.
 - Extra blankets, sleeping bags and winter coats
 - Fireplace with plenty of dry firewood or a gas log fireplace
 - Portable space heaters or kerosene heaters
- Use electric heaters with automatic shut-off switches and non-glowing elements
- Never place a space heater on top of furniture or near water
- Keep heat sources at least 3 feet away from furniture and drapes
- Never use an electric generator indoors, inside the garage or near the air intake of your home because of the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning
- Do not use the generator or appliances if they are wet
- Do not store gasoline indoors where the fumes could ignite
- Use individual heavy-duty, outdoor-rated cords to plug in other appliances

The Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office is also reminding residents to dial 911 only for emergencies. To report suspected icing or unsafe travel conditions, call the Ascension EOC at (225) 621-8360.

For more information about weather updates and road closures:

- Ascension 21, the parish's governmental channel
- www.ascensionparish.net/ohsep
- Facebook www.facebook.com/apohsep
- Twitter www.twitter.com/ascensionparish
- Community Information Line 1-866-380-2303.
- You may also contact their office at (225) 621-8360