



# Parish of Ascension

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## **Winter Weather Event 7—7:15 p.m.** **Ascension Parish Sheriff Warns Motorists About Icy Road Conditions**

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GONZALES – Ascension Parish Sheriff Jeff Wiley is reporting widespread highway ice overs in Ascension Parish.

Citizens are strongly advised to remain at home and not operate motor vehicles. If it becomes absolutely essential for you to travel in your vehicle, motorists are cautioned to follow these critical guidelines:

- When crossing small bridges or overpasses which are likely to be impacted with icy conditions, travel at your slowest speed, braking gently and only when necessary.
- At no time should you pass other vehicles, and leave yourself plenty of room between you and the vehicle in front of you.
- To reemphasize, operating a motor vehicle with the current conditions can be very dangerous. Many of the roads and highways are already impacted by icy conditions, conditions that most drivers are unfamiliar with. Further, we expect these road conditions to continue to deteriorate. The best and safest option is to remain where you are and should you need assistance, allow the Sheriff's Office to respond.

Sheriff Wiley also reminds residents to dial 911 only for emergencies. To report suspected icing or unsafe travel conditions, call the Ascension Emergency Operations Center at (225) 621-8360.

For more information about weather updates and road closures:

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