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Preparing for winter weather impacts

South Padre Island, TX, Jan. 15, 2018: The City of South Padre Island urges the community to prepare for the cold front that is expected to arrive Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday, Jan. 17. Mother Nature is unpredictable and can raise some challenges when preparing for cold weather.

The National Weather Service has predicted that South Padre Island will be affected by the following:

Cold:

- Wind chill temperatures falling to between 20 and 30 degrees by sunset Tuesday.
- Teens to mid 20s between 9 p.m. Tuesday through 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Boat/Fishing/Surf:

- Small craft to remain anchored (in port) Tuesday and Wednesday. Suggest to postpone trips until at least Thursday.
- Gale Force Winds beginning Tuesday through early Thursday.
- Expected wind gusts of 44 miles per hour.
- Waves 11 to 13 feet, peaking Tuesday night through Wednesday midday.

Suggested preparations:

- Be sure to have families check on elderly, infirm, and those who may not have adequate heating and ensure they are in a safe, warm location prior to the onset of the cold. **These actions should be completed by Tuesday morning.**
- Space heaters should be checked (again) for safe operations and operated at least three feet from any flammable items. **Checks should be completed by Tuesday morning.**
- Check vehicles for anti-freeze and wiper fluid (which also has an anti-freeze component). **Checks should be completed by Tuesday morning.**
- **Remember the 4-Ps: People, Pets, Pipes, Plants.**
- Sign up for Swift911, the City's emergency notification system that sends out notifications directly to you via your home phone, cell phone and/or email, by clicking [HERE](#).

South Padre Island Official Telephone Numbers

City Information (956) 761-INFO/ (956) 761-4636
Cameron County Judge (956) 544-0830
Sheriff (956) 544-0860
Office of Emergency Management (956) 547-7000
State of Texas Department of Public Safety (956) 440-6700
State of Texas Department of Transportation (956) 542-2288
National Weather Service (956) 504-1631

Many use social media in the event of storms to let relatives and friends know they are safe. Social media provides the perfect platform to model preparedness actions for others. It is a great way to stay current with the City, state and national social media resources and warnings. Here are a few sites to make sure you are following:

- www.myspi.org
- <https://www.facebook.com/SouthPadreTexas>
- <http://www.redcross.org/local/texas/gulf-coast/local-chapters/harlingen>
- http://co.cameron.tx.us/administration/emergency_management/index.php

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