

DEPUTY CHARON'S

TIP OF THE MONTH

I hate to say it, but winter is upon us again. We should all take a moment, to check a few things over to avoid problems down the road. Check the condition of your tires. Tires need to be inflated to the proper psi and have enough tread. Use a penny to check the depth. If the top of Lincoln's head is showing, you need some new tires. Stock your vehicle with safety supplies such as gloves, hat, blanket, snow shovel, warning triangle and ice scraper. Also, make sure your ABS system is working properly.

Don't forget about your homes as well. Check your smoke detectors and replace the batteries if needed. I would also suggest installing a carbon monoxide detector, if you don't already have one.

When driving, don't forget about last year! The most important way to stay safe on the road is to simply slow down. By slowing down you give your tires a chance to grip the roadway. You must keep what's called "rolling traction" to have control of your vehicle. Be aware of the shady areas of the roadway that will hold black ice longer. If you are not comfortable driving with the speed of traffic, remember you don't have to. It's ok to go a little slower in inclement weather. It's better to get where you are going safely than to take the chance of having an accident.