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County Officials Urge Extreme Caution and Ask for Cooperation During Weather Event

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The weather forecast is calling for the conditions to deteriorate quickly throughout the day. Emergency management and law enforcement officials are advising the County Manager that travel conditions are following suit. Therefore, the County Manager is urging citizens to “eliminate unnecessary travel on Henderson County streets, roads, and highways. This will allow the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and local municipalities to more effectively deal with accumulating snowfall and more importantly, allow our law enforcement, fire departments, emergency medical services (EMS), and rescue squad personnel to respond more effectively in the event of an emergency.”

County Manager Steve Wyatt continues, “At a time like this our public safety and emergency response capacity is stretched. We need the cooperation of everyone to “weather this storm”. The good news is the forecast calls for the weather to begin clearing on Thursday, February 13th and conditions should improve. Until that time I strongly urge citizens to, if at all possible, shelter in place for the duration of this storm.”

Wyatt continues, “Henderson County emergency management, emergency medical services, and rescue squad personnel are at the ready to provide our citizens with the appropriate emergency response. Shelter teams are on standby at First Baptist Church in Hendersonville and the WNC Ag Center Boone Building (log cabin building). For shelter inquiries please call (828) 693-5605.”

Sheriff Charles McDonald reiterates Wyatt’s message, “We would encourage anyone without a specific reason to be out to stay in their homes in order to leave roads clear for law enforcement and emergency medical services to effectively respond to emergencies.”

All Henderson County non-emergency departments will close at noon today.

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