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NJOEM Tracking “Ponding” and “Black Ice”

New Jersey State Police Headquarters, Trenton, NJ – In response to the recent winter weather, Colonel Rick Fuentes, Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police and Director of the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, is urging all Central and Northern New Jersey commuters to be on the look out for minor flooding also know as “ponding” as well as the onset of “black ice” during their evening and morning commutes.

Both “ponding” and “black ice” can be very deceptive and in most cases undetected by the naked eye. Therefore, drivers are advised to drive with caution during inclement weather, follow the rules of the road, stay alert and respect nature’s elements that may impact their drive. Unnecessary travel is not recommended.

As such, the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the New Jersey Department of Transportation are closely monitoring the highways and taking appropriate actions (salting and weather treating surfaces) to alleviate the threat of hazardous conditions.

Prior to embarking upon a commute, motorists are encouraged to check for current road conditions at the New Jersey Department of Transportation website: <http://www.nj.gov/transportation/commuter/trafficinfo/> or at the South Jersey Transportation Authority website: <http://www2.sjta.com/sjta/>.

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