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****PRESS RELEASE****WALLA WALLA POLICE DEPT**** Slick Roads Create Hazardous Driving Conditions

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Walla Walla Officers responded to 21 collisions in the City during a 5-hour period beginning shortly after 1:00 p.m. yesterday. None of the collisions involved serious injuries.

Winter weather travel brings added responsibility for motorists to drive defensively on the slick roads. Drivers need to allow for extra time to arrive at their destinations, greatly increase the distance between vehicles on the road, stay off their cell phones and other distracting devices, and be extra cautious at intersections.

When preparing to travel out of town, drivers are reminded to pack a safety kit in their vehicle. This kit should include blankets, water, non-perishable food items, road flares or other type of emergency warning lights, and a first-aid kit. It is also advisable to have a cell phone charger and to let others know their travel route and estimated arrival time.

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