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**Extended Period of Below Freezing Temperatures Forecast**  
**Remember the 5 P's Of Cold Weather**

The National Weather Service is forecasting the current outbreak of cold weather to worsen as we head through this upcoming weekend. The Cherokee Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management is encouraging residents to prepare their homes and vehicles and to discuss with family members the potential effects of the winter season's challenging conditions. One easy way to prepare for the extreme cold is by remembering "The 5 Ps of Cold Weather".

**5 Ps of Cold Weather**

- **Protect People**
- **Protect Plants**
- **Protect Pets**
- **Protect Exposed Pipes**
- **Practice Fire Safety**

Here are a few specific actions to protect your family from the severe cold:

1. Stay indoors and use safe heating sources.
2. Be aware of the fire danger from space heaters and candles. Keep such devices away from all flammable materials such as curtains and furniture. Install recommended smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

3. Indoors, do not use charcoal or other fuel-burning devices, such as grills that produce carbon monoxide. Install at least one carbon monoxide detector per floor in your home.
4. Outdoors, stay dry and in wind-protected areas.
5. Wear multiple layers of loose-fitting, warm clothing.
6. Drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids and eat high-caloric foods.
7. Make sure your home is well insulated and that you have weather stripping around your doors and window sills to keep the warm air inside.
8. Familiarize yourself with the terms that are used to identify winter weather.
9. Include adequate clothing and blankets in your "Ready Kit" to keep you warm.
10. Open cabinet doors to allow heat to get to uninsulated pipes under sinks and appliances near exterior walls.
11. Allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing.
12. Fully winterize your vehicle and keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.

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