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Temperature Drop Tonight May Adversely Affect Road Conditions

Milwaukee, WI – The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office is alerting motorists of potentially slick conditions late Thursday into Friday due to an expected drop in temperatures and frost advisory. Temperatures are forecast to be in the mid-30s, but roads can still ice over and become slippery.

Heading into the cold-weather driving season, the Sheriff's Office Patrol Division issued the following points to remind drivers of cold-weather safety issues for media to relay to their audiences throughout the season:

- Speed limit signs advise of the speed limit under **OPTIMAL** conditions. Speeds need to be slowed to adjust for conditions such as snow, rain, and freezing temperatures.
- Speed limits often decrease on interchange ramps. In wet or icy conditions, drivers must adhere to the slower speeds in those ramps.
- Atmospheric temperatures and road temperatures do not coincide. An air temperature above the freezing level does not automatically dictate that the road will not ice over and become slippery. An air temp slightly above freezing often causes slippery conditions.

In times of icing, it's all about increasing friction with the road:

- Ensure your tire tread is appropriate and tires are inflated to manufacturer's specifications.
- Slower speeds increase friction with the road.
- Slow and even pressure on anti-lock brakes or even "pumping" on non-ABS brakes is best for slowing and stopping.
- AAA estimates you must double your stopping distance on slippery surfaces.

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