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### **Sheriff's Deputies Responding to Dozens of Freeway Crashes**

Milwaukee, WI – Between 7:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. today, sheriff's deputies have responded to 24 crashes on the freeway. The majority of the crashes are occurring in the Plainfield curve and the stadium interchange.

Wet roads create slippery conditions which require drivers to slow down.

Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. reminds drivers that they need to engage in defensive driving.

Defensive driving tips include:

- Wear your seatbelt and buckle children into approved child safety seats.
- Don't speed. Drive at speeds appropriate for conditions. Posted speed limits are for ideal conditions, and drivers should slow down and allow more stopping distance if conditions are wet, icy, slushy or snowy.
- Avoid distracted driving behaviors which endanger safety: texting, using cell phone, eating/drinking, reading. Keep hands on the wheel and eyes on the road.
- Don't drive drunk or impaired.
- Plan ahead when you know conditions may impact your travel. Allow more time to get to your destination safely.
- Turn on headlights in rainy/snowy conditions.
- Never use cruise control on slippery roads.
- Properly maintain your vehicle (tires, brakes, fluid levels, wipers, etc.) Keep an ice scraper in your vehicle.

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