



Rockville City Police Department

Police Crime Report

For the Week Ending – January 13, 2019

The Rockville City Police Department would like to remind residents that driving in the winter means snow, sleet and ice can lead to slower traffic, hazardous road conditions, “Hot Tempers”, and unforeseen dangers.

Below are some tips to assist motorists to make it safely through the winter for both you and your vehicle.

Tips for Winterizing your Car:

- *Check the ignition, brakes, wiring, hoses and fan belts.*
- *Change and adjust the spark plugs.*
- *Check the air, fuel, and emission filters, and the PCV valve.*
- *Inspect the distributor.*
- *Check the battery.*
- *Check the tires for air, sidewall for wear and the tread for depth.*
- *Check the antifreeze levels and the freeze line.*
- *Check the windshield washer fluid level.*
- *Make sure that your gas level is full.*

Tips for Driving in the Snow and Ice:

- *The best advice for driving in bad weather is not to drive at all, if you can avoid it.*
- *Don't go out until the snow plows and sanding trucks have had a chance to do their work and allow yourself extra time to reach your destination.*
- *If you must drive in snowy conditions, make sure your car is prepared, and that you know how to handle the road conditions.*
- *Make sure that you **CLEAN ALL SNOW AND ICE OFF OF YOUR CAR.** This includes the windshield, back window, headlights, and taillights, as well as side windows and side mirrors and your vehicle's roof.*
- *When driving, decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.*
- *Brake gently to avoid skidding. **IF YOUR WHEELS START TO LOCK UP...DO NOT PANIC...JUST EASE OFF THE BRAKE.***
- ***TURN ON YOUR LIGHTS** to increase your visibility to other motorists.*
- *Use low gears to keep traction, especially on hills.*
- ***DO NOT USE CRUISE CONTROL OR OVERDRIVE** on icy roads.*
- *Be extremely careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first.*
- ***DO NOT PASS SNOW PLOWS AND SANDING TRUCKS.** Those drivers have limited visibility, and you are likely to find the road in front of them worse than the road behind them.*
- *Do not assume your vehicle can handle all conditions. Even four-wheel drive vehicles can encounter trouble on winter roads.*

- **DO NOT USE A CELL PHONE WHILE DRIVING. IF YOU MUST MAKE A CALL, PULL OVER TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD.**

What to do if your rear wheels start to skid:

- **DO NOT PANIC.**
- Take your foot off the accelerator.
- Steer in the direction you want the front wheels to go. If your rear wheels are sliding left, steer left. If they are sliding right, steer right.
- If your rear wheels start sliding the other way as you recover, ease the steering wheel toward that side. You might have to steer left and right a few times to get your vehicle completely under control.
- If you have standard brakes, pump them gently.
- If you have anti-lock brakes (ABS), do not pump the brakes. Apply steady pressure to the brakes. You will feel the brakes pulse – this is normal.

What to do if your front wheels start to skid:

- Again, **DO NOT PANIC.**
- Take your foot off the accelerator and shift to neutral, but don't try to steer immediately.
- As the wheels skid sideways, they will slow the vehicle and traction will return. As it does, steer in the direction you want to go. Then put the transmission in drive or release the clutch and accelerate gently.

What to do if you get stuck:

- Do not spin your wheels. This will only dig you in deeper.
- Turn your wheels from side to side w few times to push snow out of the way.
- Use a “light” touch on the accelerator, to ease your car out.
- Use a shovel to clear snow away from the wheels and the underside of the car.
- Pour sand, kitty litter, gravel, or salt in the path of wheels, to help get traction.

For more information, go to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration's – Safe Car website at <https://www.nhtsa.gov/winter-driving-tips-20172018> or to the National Safety Council at <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/winter/driving>.

Help us in keeping everyone safe and warm this winter, by practicing these and other safety winter tips!

City Police Reported Incidents

A weekly Crime Report of serious incidents is provided by the Rockville City Police Department to serve as an overview of incidents occurring within the City Limits of Rockville. Please note this summary does not reflect every reported incident that has occurred. Also, the words “arrested” and “charged” do not imply guilt.

ARRESTS

On 01/08/19, a male, age 38, was arrested for unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, theft, unlawful use of a motor vehicle, and rogue and vagabond, following an incident that occurred in the 14600 block of Rothgeb Drive.

On 01/08/19, a request was submitted to the Montgomery County Police Department’s Special Victims Investigation Division, for a male, age 15, to be charged with possession of a concealed weapon on school property, following an incident that occurred in the 200 block of Richard Montgomery Drive.

On 01/09/19, a male, age 30, was arrested for disorderly conduct and failure to obey a lawful order, following an incident that occurred in the 14700 block of Avery Road.

On 01/10/19, a male, age 37, was arrested for trespassing and disorderly conduct, following an incident that occurred in the 200 block of East Middle Lane.

On 01/12/19, a request was submitted to the Montgomery County Police Department’s Special Victims Investigation Division for a female, age 13, to be charged with robbery, conspiracy to commit robbery, second degree assault, and conspiracy to commit second degree assault, following an earlier incident that occurred on 01/11/19 in the 14000 block of Cove Lane.

On 01/13/19, a male, age 18, was arrested for violating a protection order and disorderly conduct, following an incident that occurred in the 600 block of Blandford Street.

INCIDENTS

1800 block of Rockville Pike, the complainant reported that an unknown subject removed a pair of designer sunglasses and a spare vehicle key from an unlocked vehicle on 01/07/19 between 1:35 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. *A review of the video surveillance footage revealed two suspects who are described as:*

#1 – B/M, approximately 21 yo, 6’0”, 175 pounds, thin build, brown eyes, black hair, medium skin tone – Last Seen Wearing: white sneakers with black laces, black skinny jeans, black beanie style hat with an unknown white logo, black coat with a hood

#2 – B/M, approximately 21 yo, 5’11”, 170 pounds, medium build, brown eyes, black dreadlocks/twists, mustache and beard, medium skin tone – Last Seen Wearing: black pants with stripes, black jacket with stripes on the sleeve, red Nike hoodie

5700 block of Fishers Lane, the complainant reported that an unknown subject removed four tires and wheels from a vehicle on 01/07/19 between 7:30 a.m. and 9:27 a.m.

100 block of First Street, the complainant reported that an unknown subject removed spare change, sunglasses, and a cell phone charger from a vehicle between 01/08/19-4:00 p.m. and 01/09/19-8:30 a.m.

1400 block of Research Boulevard, the complainants reported that an unknown subject removed wallets and jewelry items from several lockers at a fitness facility on 01/10/19 between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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