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MEMORANDUM FOR SQUADRON PERSONNEL

FROM: 367 RCS/CC
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SUBJECT: Inclement Weather Policy

1. As you are aware, the 367 RCS' area of responsibility is a vast and diverse region covering over 550K square miles. As a result, the squadron safety staff must keep abreast of ever changing weather conditions on a day-to-day basis. Therefore, in the event that you come upon severe weather while driving or you hear a radio announcement of warnings in your immediate area, you should find a safe place to pull over until it subsides. At no time will you place yourself (or those traveling with you) in a dangerous situation that can be avoided--safety comes first! Depending on road conditions, weather, and other perceived hazards, your driving speed should be adjusted accordingly.

2. Seasonal hazards include:

a. Fall:

- (1) Deer and other animals crossing the roadways
- (2) Farm machinery on rural roadways
- (3) Slippery areas on road due to frost or freezing rain
- (4) School buses loading and unloading children

b. Winter (Keep a survival kit in your vehicle):

- (1) Snow and drifting snow on roads
- (2) Reduced visibility due to blowing snow
- (3) Adverse temperatures and blizzard conditions
- (4) Ice on roadways
- (5) Ice from vehicle exhaust at intersections

c. Spring:

- (1) Reduced visibility due to wind and rain
- (2) Farm machinery
- (3) Black ice at intersections and under overpasses
- (4) Construction vehicles and road crews on highways

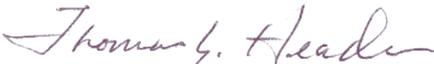
d. Summer:

- (1) Buckling of road surfaces from extreme heat
- (2) Hydroplaning on wet road surfaces
- (3) Slippery road surfaces due to oil from asphalt when road is wet
- (4) Joggers and cyclists on edge of roadways
- (5) Children out of school
- (6) Farm equipment on rural roads
- (7) Construction vehicles traveling on roads
- (8) Dust Storms
- (9) Motorcycles on roads

3. Because of the size of our squadron, the weather in one area can vary dramatically from the weather in another. Therefore, the supervisor is responsible for determining when (or if) squadron personnel should report to work in their respective locations (i.e., Flight Supervisor or Flight Commanders).

4. Again, **safety** is the primary consideration. Individuals should only report to work during inclement weather when the supervisor determines it can be done safely. Remember to consider the individual's "comfort zone" as well as your own assessment of the situation. This guidance also applies to releasing people early from duty.

5. Remember, if you have any doubt that it may not be safe to report (or remain) at work—it isn't. If you have any questions, please contact your unit safety representatives, MSgt Harvey or SSgt Boswell at (719) 554-1258.


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