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Warming Centers to Open Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Westminster, Monday, January 6, 2014 - Forecasters are anticipating frigid temperatures with wind chills below zero on Tuesday. Because of the anticipated dangerously cold weather, the Carroll County Department of Citizen Services will operate six warming centers around the county Tuesday. The public libraries will also be open and available to anyone in need of a warm place. All residents who are vulnerable to extreme cold and who do not have sufficient heat in their homes are encouraged to seek warmth in any of the following locations:

- From 8am until 4:30pm
 - Mount Airy Senior and Community Center, 703 Ridge Avenue, Mount Airy
 - North Carroll Senior and Community Center, 2328 Hanover Pike, Greenmount
 - South Carroll Senior and Community Center, 5928 Mineral Hill Rd, Eldersburg
 - Taneytown Senior and Community Center, 220 Roberts Mill Road, Taneytown
 - Westminster Senior and Community Center, 125 Stoner Avenue, Westminster
- From 8am until 5pm
 - Citizen Services Office Building, 10 Distillery Drive, Westminster
- From 9am until 8:45pm
 - Eldersburg Branch Carroll County Public Library, 6400 Hemlock Drive, Eldersburg
 - Finksburg Branch Carroll County Public Library, 2265 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg
 - Mt. Airy Branch Carroll County Public Library, 705 Ridge Avenue, Mt. Airy
 - North Carroll Branch Carroll County Public Library, 2255 Hanover Pike, Greenmount
 - Taneytown Branch Carroll County Public Library, 10 Grand Drive, Taneytown
 - Westminster Branch Carroll County Public Library, 50 East Main Street, Westminster

Reminder for after hours and cold shelter needs: Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc. (410) 857-2999 operates a Cold Weather Shelter, at 127 Stoner Avenue, Westminster, overnight from 7pm to 7am during the cold weather season. In times when overflow space is needed, HSP has partnered with the Westminster Rescue Mission to provide transportation to a limited number of alternative overnight accommodations. During the day, On Our Own (410) 751-6600 provides a Cold Shelter, at 265 E. Main Street, Westminster, from about 7am to about 6:45pm.

The Carroll County Office of Public Safety, Support Services, Emergency Management encourages people to follow these safety tips when temperatures are extremely cold:

- Minimize outside activities, particularly the elderly and very young. Remember to consider your pets.

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ACCESSIBILITY NOTICE: The Americans with Disabilities Act applies to the Carroll County Government and its programs, services, activities, and facilities. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or who has a complaint should contact Madeline M. Morey, The Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, 410.386.3800, 1.888.302.8978, MD Relay 7-1-1/1.800.735.2258 or email mmorey@ccq.carr.org as soon as possible but no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.

- Dress in several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothing, rather than a single layer of heavy clothing. Wear a hat and mittens to stay warmer.
- Be careful of frostbite. If a part of the body loses feeling and the skin feels waxy or looks white or grey, warm gently and seek medical help.
- Watch out for hypothermia. Shivering, memory loss, confusion, slurred speech, and drowsiness are all warning signs. Seek medical attention for signs of hypothermia.

For more safety tips, refer to the Citizen's Guide to Emergency Preparedness, available online at <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/pubsafe/emer-prep.pdf> or contact the Emergency Management staff at 410-386-2877.

For information about Carroll's senior and community centers, call the Bureau of Aging at 410-386-3800.

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