State Search & Rescue has message for winter travelers: 'Know before you go'

Winter weather is here, always be the priority. and Oregon Office of State Search Rescue Coordinator Scott Lucas says Oregon is seeing an uptick in lost or stranded travelers on foot and in vehicles.

Lucas says he wants to remind Oregonians and visitors of ways to search and rescue community in Oregon stands ready to respond when needed, but that being safe and prepared should

That means having Emergency Management food, water, maps and other items needed for comfort and safety in the event you get lost or stranded.

Also, knowing your route and weather conditions before you go is important, said Lucas.

"Technology stay safe. In addition, the not replace sound planning when using GPS in your car, or for an adventure on foot like going out into the woods with your family this holiday



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A vehicle was stranded and the driver needed to be rescued after GPS led the driver astray on a dangerous route in Linn County in 2020.

season to look for a tree," Emergency Management "Careless says Lucas. planning can result in discomfort, injury — or worse yet — loss of life.

"It is a good idea to have an emergency kit in your car, and extra supplies when you travel on foot."

The coordinator recommends not relying on GPS alone and using resources for Oregon travel like tripcheck.com or calling 511 for road conditions.

The Oregon Office of

Search and Rescue program supports a broad spectrum of search and rescue operations in Oregon.

That mission includes coordinating activities of state and federal agencies involved in search and rescue, liaising with the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association and other organizations, and providing on-scene search and rescue coordination when requested.

Lane Education seeks driver education instructors

Lane Education Serbecoming Oregon Department of Transportation Certified Driving Instructors.

courses are available.

There remains vice District is in need of much-needed service in individuals interested in the community to train new drivers the skill to operate vehicles safely.

Those interested in becoming a certified Though the winter trainer may visit online training course began at triwou.org/projects/ Saturday, Dec. 5, future tse for more informa-











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