

Registered sex offender bulletin

In accordance with state law, which provides for community notification of predatory sex offenders who are no longer under active supervision, the Columbia County Sheriff's office has provided the following information:

Michael Francis Donovan, 74, 11073 Hwy. 202, Birkenfeld, is a registered sex offender. He was convicted of four counts of Sodomy, 3rd Degree on 05/24/96.

Mr. Donovan's crime of conviction involved a juvenile male. He has also been convicted for various sex offenses in other states.

His address is listed as 11073 Nehalem Hwy 202, Birkenfeld. He is listed as being 6'1", 165 lbs. with grey hair and hazel eyes.

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Prepare your car for winter driving conditions

Winter is notorious for bitter weather and dangerous road conditions. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, more than 70 percent of deaths during winter storms are caused in automobiles.

This year, have your vehicle checked out before severe weather sets in. Being stranded on the side of the road should be the last thing on anyone's New Year's wish list.

The following eight steps are recommended to prevent winter maintenance headaches.

1) Battery Check: During a typical winter rush hour, the car battery must handle the strain of idling in traffic, along with operating the headlights, heater, defroster, rear window defogger, wipers, and radio.

2) Fluid Check: In the winter, antifreeze is one of the most important fluids and should be changed every two years. It's also wise to keep your gas tank half-full. Other fluids to check are oil, transmission, brake, battery, power steering, and windshield washer fluid.

3) Tire Tread Check: Worn tires tend to hydroplane. A trick

to check the tread is to insert a penny into the groove, placing Lincoln's head in first. If the top of his head shows, the tire has worn past its legal limit.

4) Tire Pressure Check: Cold temperature causes air to contract, decreasing tire pressure. Low pressure tires don't meet the road properly and fail to shed water effectively, causing hydroplaning.

5) Wiper Blade Check: Changing weather conditions cause significant wear on wiper blades. Poor visibility caused by worn wiper blades may contribute to accidents.

6) Brake Check: When snow melts, it's easy to drive in slush and water. Dirt from standing water can get between brake components, causing wear. A pre-winter brake inspection by an ASE-certified technician could help ensure driving safety.

7) Lights and Horn. Test the brake lights, turn signals and headlights, and tap the horn a few times to make sure they work properly. Replace any inoperative bulbs.

8) Plan Ahead: Pay attention

to weather forecasts, road reports, and storm warnings.

Be Prepared

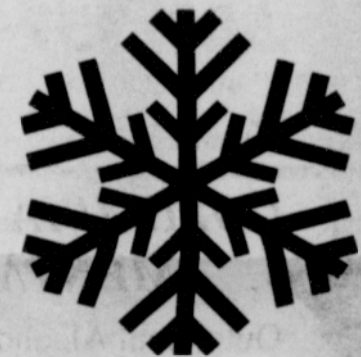
- Keep your gas tank full.
- Turn on your headlights.
- Inform someone of your starting time, destination, and expected arrival time.
- Pay attention to weather forecasts.
- Never leave your vehicle.

If you are stranded, your chances of survival greatly increase if you stay with your vehicle.

• Carry a cellular phone for use during emergencies. Because driving requires your full attention, find a safe place to pull off the road when you need to use the phone.

WINTER SURVIVAL KIT

- Three-pound coffee can
- Candle stubs and matches
- Metal cup
- Red bandana and plastic whistle to alert rescuers
- Pencil and paper
- Change for phone calls
- First-aid kit, including any essential medications
- Plastic flashlight with spare batteries
- Bottled water and snack foods for energy, such as candy bars
- Extra winter clothing: snowmobile suit, gloves or mittens, and winter boots
- Blankets or sleeping bag
- Jumper cables
- Basic tools
- Shovel
- Bag of sand or grit
- Tow cable or chain
- Road flares or reflectors



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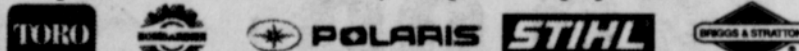
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