



MEDIA RELEASE

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Winter Snow Storm Calls for Service

With the first winter snow storm behind us the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office reports the following:

From Friday, December 18, 2009 8:00 p.m. through Sunday, December 20, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. Sheriff's Deputies responded to 158 calls for service, including:

Assist Motorist	55 calls for service
Property Damage Motor Vehicle Accidents	38 calls for service
Personal Injury Motor Vehicle Accidents	4 calls for service

Sheriff Timothy Cameron would like to thank all law enforcement officers, emergency communication dispatchers, fire and rescue, as well as, other public safety emergency personnel who worked diligently throughout the dangerous storm to respond to service calls and assist the needs of St. Mary's County citizens.

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office used 5 Sheriff's Office four-wheel drive patrol vehicles, which operated 24 hours a day throughout the storm. Without the four wheel drive patrol vehicles, responding to calls for service would have been much more difficult and extremely dangerous.

Sheriff Cameron commends St. Mary's County Facilities and the State Highway Administration for their rapid response in clearing the roadways.

"I would also like to thanks the citizens for their assistance during the storm. With Christmas approaching and the final holiday shopping weekend at hand, many quelled the urge to travel the roadways during the storm, erred on the side of caution, and stayed home with their family and friends to enjoy the snow. It was the combination of hard work and cooperation which allowed us to move safely and efficiently through this winter storm." (Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron)