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## News Release

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### **City is prepared for forecasted severe weather**

The area including the City of Bristol is under a Severe Weather Alert. Snowfall is projected for today, tonight and into tomorrow. The city is well stocked and ready to go into action once the snow begins to fall. The city's Public Works Director Tim Beavers stated, "The best advice is to stay home if you don't have to go out. If you do, please take it slow, slower speed, slower acceleration, slower steering and braking."

Please keep in mind the snow removal challenges for city snow equipment. City snow plow operators face many challenges- limited visibility, winding narrow streets, and road conditions that may be hazardous. Residents can help with snow removal efforts by avoiding unnecessary trips, by parking vehicles off the roadway, and by refraining from pushing snow from driveways back into cleared roadways. For a list of Priority Routes of snow removal please go to the city webpage at <http://www.bristoltn.org/141/Street-Maintenance>.

During a severe weather emergency it is important to remember that 911 is for emergencies. Virginia Smelser, Communications Manager and 911 Director for the city is asking that the community please call for road conditions and not 911 dispatch. "During snow emergencies we get a lot of non-emergency calls which tie up our phone lines and dispatchers. It is important to remember that someone in a true emergency situation may not be able to get through to us if we are dealing with a non-emergency call." Smelser continued, "Please check on any elderly neighbors during this time to see that they have everything they may need. Make sure you have the supplies you need for a couple of days as well, such as medications and other basics."

To check road conditions in Tennessee and our area go to <http://smartway.tn.gov/traffic> or [www.TN511.com](http://www.TN511.com) or by dialing 511 or 877-244-0065 outside Tennessee.

Please go to the city's webpage at [www.bristoltn.org](http://www.bristoltn.org), the city's official Facebook page or follow the city on Twitter for updates. Advisories will also scroll across BTN-TV's BTES Channel 16 or Charter Channel 192. Please check for city meeting cancellations on the home page under Cancellations. "Different boards and city facilities are beginning to cancel and close. Please check for those on our different platforms where they will be posted as we are advised," said Terrie Talbert, Director- Office of Community Relations.

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