Winter Vehicle Safety Information

- Before you drive your vehicle make sure that you clear all of your vehicle’s windows completely of snow and other obstacles- **NOT JUST A SMALL CIRCLE!** You can be cited for not clearing your window or having an obstructed view.
- In parking lots drive within the speed limits and at a speed slow enough to control your vehicle at all times- **IT MAY BE ICY EVEN IF YOU CAN NOT SEE IT OR SOMEONE MAY PULL OUT OR WALK OUT INFRONT OF YOU!** The last thing you want is for a person to walk out and because you cannot stop you hit them or you hit another vehicle!
- When following vehicles follow at a safe distance- **REMEMBER IF YOU HIT YOUR BRAKES QUICKLY ON ICE YOU MAY SLIDE A CAR LENGTH OR MORE!**
- Leave earlier when the weather is bad to get to classes or meetings on time. This will give you plenty of time to get there safely.
- Pay attention to campus weather alerts and news weather alerts!
- Make sure that when you clear your windows you also clear the snow from your headlights and tail lights so that people can see them.
- Make sure tail lights, head lights, brake lights, hazard lights, license plate lights, brakes, and horn are working properly.
- Make sure tires are good and pumped up.
- Make sure wind shield wiper fluid is full and your windshield wipers are in good condition.
- Make sure you have antifreeze in your radiator at proper levels.
- Make sure you keep enough gas in your vehicle’s gas tank to prevent fuel lines from freezing.
- Make sure your spare tire is in good condition and the jack equipment is operational.
- Be careful slamming your vehicle’s doors in cold weather this can break the window.
- Some items to carry in your vehicle may be deicer, scraper, jumper cables or boost pack, kitty litter, cell phone and charger, emergency numbers, extra wind shield wiper fluid, water, blanket, extra coat, gloves, hat, etc.
- Finally if you are involved in a crash on campus call the Wright State University Police Department’s Communications Center and request that an Officer be dispatched to your location to complete a crash report! You will need this for insurance purposes!