

OFM News:

The snow season is upon us and it's a good time to revisit tips for driving in the snow. Even experienced drivers can find their nerves and skills tested by winter road conditions. Before beginning your trip:

- Know the current road conditions and weather forecast (www.BuckeyeTraffic.org)
- Give yourself enough time to clear the snow from your vehicle
- Check your headlights, tail and brake lights, blinkers and emergency flashers
- Clear the snow and ice from the vehicle's roof, hood and trunk and especially from the windows, mirrors and lights
- Be aware of potentially icy areas such as shady spots and bridges
- Keep a safe distance behind other vehicles and trucks
- Don't pass a snowplow or spreader unless it is absolutely necessary. Treat these as you would emergency response vehicles.
- Drive smart!

The Ohio State Highway Patrol via their web site each year list "safe driving tips." Please share with your employees the OSHP web site and asked them to take a moment to review winter driving tips.

Did You Know...?

November 12-18, 2012 was national Drowsy Driving Prevention

In an effort to reduce the number of fatigue-related crashes and to save lives, the National Sleep Foundation is declaring November 12-18, 2012 to be Drowsy Driving Prevention Week®. This annual campaign provides public education about the under-reported risks of driving while drowsy and countermeasures to improve safety on the road. Visit www.drowsydriving.org for more information.

Mark Your Calendar:

Upcoming Training: Thursday, December 20, 2012 - Fleet Ohio Data Entry Level Training will be held from 12:30 p.m., – 4:00 p.m., Birch Conference Room, 4200 Surface Road, Columbus, Ohio. Pre-registration is required—please complete training request form on OFM website at [Training Request Form](#). Additional training opportunities may be found on our website.

Useful Links: OFM can be reached at (614) 466-6607, 800-686-1521, or dasfleet@das.state.oh.us. When responding to a Newsletter item please use OFM Newsletter as the email subject. OFM website: [OFM](http://das.ohio.gov/Divisions/GeneralServices/FleetManagement.aspx) (<http://das.ohio.gov/Divisions/GeneralServices/FleetManagement.aspx>)