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County Urges Motorists To Use Caution On Side Of The Road

In light of two recent accidents involving stranded motorists in Cayuga and Onondaga counties, Cayuga County Sheriff Brian Schenck, Administrator J. Justin Woods, and Public Works Director David Gardener would like to remind residents to use proper precautions in the event your car breaks down or you see a stranded motorist on the side of the road, especially at night and during low visibility.

If you are involved in a traffic accident, your vehicle becomes disabled, or you cannot move due to road conditions, please utilize the following tips:

1. Remain calm. While the incident may be stressful, staying calm will help keep the situation from getting worse.
2. Stay safe. If possible to do safely, move your vehicle out of traffic to the side of the road or to a parking lot. After moving your vehicle, or if you cannot move, place the vehicle in park and turn on your hazard lights.
3. Know what is around you. Be aware of any hazards around you such as oncoming traffic. If you must exit your vehicle, DO NOT remain in the roadway. Oncoming traffic may not see you, especially at night. Also, be aware of downed power lines or other hazardous conditions.
4. Call 911. Once you are in a position of safety, call 911. Check for injuries and provide as much information to the dispatcher about any potential injuries and conditions as possible.

While driving, please slow down if you see potential hazards ahead, such as vehicles stopped in or by the roadway. There may be people in or around these vehicles that are not paying attention and do not see you.

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