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City of Northampton prepares for Extreme Winter Weather

After consultation with the City's Emergency Management Team and a conference call with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), Mayor David J. Narkewicz announced that the city is taking steps ahead of the impending storm including preparing to activate the Emergency Operations Center if necessary. The city is also coordinating the opening of the Red Cross Regional Emergency Shelter at 9am on Friday, January 5, 2018 at Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School at 80 Locust Street.

Below is important information for city residents:

- **Frozen Pipes**

Northampton water service customers should be aware that the cold winter weather can cause water service lines to freeze and burst causing damage to property. When temperatures are below freezing water pipes and meters that are exposed to cold air may freeze. Helpful information is available www.northamptonma.gov/snow

- **General Public Safety**

Please ensure all vents around the house are cleared of snow to allow proper removal of carbon monoxide from the house. People should check proper function of all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in the house. When warming up your vehicle ensure the exhaust pipe is free of any snow blockage. Power outages may occur. People should not run or operate a generator in or near any buildings and people should not be cooking inside with any grills. People are encouraged to charge their mobile devices and reserve the use of devices for emergency communications. Finally, the City asks for your on-going help and assistance in clearing hydrants in your area of any snow.

- **Have a Kit**

Every home and business should have a stocked basic emergency supply kit that could be used for any emergency, in the event you are isolated for three to five days without power. Each kit will be unique to each family, but should include a portable radio, flashlight, extra batteries, a supply of non-perishable foods, along with bottled water, a first aid kit, extra prescription medication, and extra food and supplies for infants and pets. Consider filling your bathtub with cold water for ancillary use throughout the house. For more information visit <http://www.ready.gov/>

For non-emergency information please call (413) 587-1160. For true emergencies dial 911. Continuing updates will be available on Facebook, Twitter and www.northamptonma.gov.