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NEWS RELEASE

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“WEATHER CONDITIONS CAUSE NUMEROUS EMERGENCY RESPONSES”

On 12/16/2010, New Bern Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) from Craven East Health Systems (CEHS) and Craven County responded to thirty-nine (39) calls throughout the city between 7:30 am and 11:15 am. The calls were the result of a series of incidents that were either due to or complicated by winter weather conditions. During this time there were numerous vehicle crashes, including four (4) rollover crashes that occurred on Highway 70 and other main thoroughfares of New Bern.

Six vehicle crashes occurred on the ice covered Trent River Bridge causing the bridge to be closed for approximately 2 hours. Department of Transportation workers and members of the New Bern Public Works Department responded and applied a de-icing solution to the bridge and surrounding roadways. Traffic was rerouted through the city via Hwy 70 and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and the Alfred Cunningham Bridge near downtown New Bern. Crews were able to remove the wrecked vehicles and the bridge was re-opened at approximately 11:00.

Officers of the New Bern Police Department assisted 4 stranded motorists that were not involved with the vehicle crashes during this time as well.

The New Bern Police Department would like to remind motorists traveling through the city to exercise greater care and drive with even more caution during inclement weather conditions. If travel is required, plan for extra time and slow down while traveling to your destination and allow for greater space between yourself and other vehicles on the roadway. If you are involved in a crash and the vehicle is not drivable, remain inside the vehicle until help can reach you.

The New Bern Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating crime in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a “**Partner in Policing**”, by reporting suspected criminal activity to the New Bern Police Department’s **TIPS** line at **(252) 636-5034** or the Craven County Crime stoppers line at 633-5141. For additional information contact Lt. Linda T. Godette at (252) 672-4196.

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