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A Message from Chief Wheatley:

Now that the cold weather has arrived I feel it is timely to remind residents of some safety precautions that can be taken in the event of a storm that causes power outages. The past few years we experienced some significant weather effects that caused power to be off, in some cases for several days. We all need to be even more vigilant about the dangers of being without power.

One of the best ways any of us can be prepared for a power outage is pre-planning. Several years ago, the Montgomery County published an **Emergency Preparedness Guide**. The purpose of this publication was to help residents in preparing for emergencies and how to keep you and your home safe. If you have never read the Emergency Preparedness Guide, I urge you to go to Montgomery County website, <http://www.montcopa.org/DocumentCenter/View/7769> and read it. There are many good and simple ways to prepare.

It is also important to remember that during any emergency, you should remain calm and patient. I realize that it is difficult to be patient when your power has been out for a long period of time, but I assure you that Upper Pottsgrove Township officials are working hard to coordinate with PECO to have power restored so that we can all return to normal as quickly and safely as possible.

One of the steps we take during severe winter storms and related emergencies includes opening the Emergency Operations Center, EOC. We coordinate our efforts of street clearing and power restoration from within the EOC. Concerns regarding unplowed roadways should be reported to the Township at 610-323-8675.

Safety during storm related emergencies, as with any other time, also includes checking on your neighbors. Some of our senior citizens live alone and could use a helping hand with clearing their drive and walkways.

Lastly, we encourage our residences to please report suspicious activity to the police department immediately by calling 911.

We cannot control natural disasters but we can prepare for them before they occur. Make certain your emergency supply kit is current and ready for use.

Have a safe winter!

Chief Francis Wheatley