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MCPD Traffic Offense of the Month

Michigan City, IN (February 3, 2004) - Chief of Police Gene Simmons announced the Michigan City Police Department Traffic Offense of the Month.

Chief Simmons reminds city residents of the Snow Removal Conditions and Procedures. If a SNOW REMOVAL CONDITION is ordered vehicles can be towed at the OWNER'S EXPENSE.

- **PHASE I OF A SNOW REMOVAL CONDITION:**
No person shall park a vehicle on a SNOW ROUTE, or on the NORTH or WEST side of any other street, except as the Board of Public Works & Safety may make certain exceptions to this prohibition.
- **PHASE II of a SNOW REMOVAL CONDITION:**
No person shall park a vehicle on a SNOW ROUTE, or on the SOUTH or EAST side of any other street, except as the Board of Public Works & Safety may make certain exceptions to this prohibition.
- **Section 94.255 of the MICHIGAN CITY SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE reads as follows:** s/s 94.255 Towing and Impounding of Stalled or Illegally Parked Vehicles:
 - (A) Any vehicle parked in violation of this chapter may be towed away and impounded at the OWNER'S EXPENSE.
 - (B) Any vehicle parked, stalled, incapable of moving under it's own power, or left unattended in any prohibited area during a SNOW REMOVAL CONDITION, may be towed away and impounded at the OWNER'S EXPENSE.

Chief Simmons said, "This month's traffic offenses are selected to remind all citizens of the dangers of winter driving. Citizens should also remember that when it is snowing... the SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE may be in effect... so park your vehicles accordingly."

During the Month of February, 2004 the Michigan City Police Department will focus on the following traffic offenses:

TRAFFIC OFFENSE # 1 - FAULTY EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS.

- Winter weather can be tough on a vehicle. Fault Equipment can be a major cause of accidents. Officers will focus on the following faulty equipment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Headlamps | <input type="checkbox"/> Tail Lamps | <input type="checkbox"/> Stop Lamps | <input type="checkbox"/> Turn Signals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brakes | <input type="checkbox"/> Defective Muffler | <input type="checkbox"/> Defective Horn | <input type="checkbox"/> Windshield Wipers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Windshield | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Windows | <input type="checkbox"/> Mirrors | <input type="checkbox"/> Warning Devices |

TRAFFIC OFFENSE #2 – FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY

- Following another vehicle too closely is a major contributing factor in many accidents. It is recommended that a driver allow a minimum of one (1) car length for every ten miles per hour (10 mph) between the vehicle in front of them. This minimum must be increased for conditions such as rain, snow, sleet and fog.

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