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Director Michael Sprayberry
North Carolina Emergency Management
1636 Gold Star Drive
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Dear Director Sprayberry:

With the severe winter weather season upon us, you are aware of the significant impact ice and snow can have on our highways and interstates. Poor road conditions often lead to motorists taking action which may include the abandonment of their vehicle. The North Carolina State Highway Patrol, in cooperation with the Division of North Carolina Emergency Management, has created and implemented a universal statewide practice of marking abandoned vehicles left on and along our highways during severe weather.

In order to execute this statewide practice, we are asking all our emergency service partners who encounter an abandoned vehicle during severe weather, (in addition to their current policies and procedures) that they affix an approximate three (3) foot piece of crime or fire line tape to the exterior door mirror on the side of the vehicle closest to the roadway. The tape will serve as a standard practice by all emergency service agencies to indicate that a vehicle has been checked for occupants and thus eliminate the duplication of search efforts for stranded motorists.

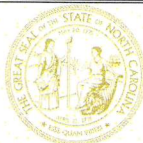
I want to thank you for your continued support and partnership. Should you need further information, please feel free to contact my office or Major D. B. Conley, Field Operations Section at (919) 733-7952 or by email at eoc@ncshp.org

Sincerely,

Glenn M. McNeill, Jr.
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