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FALL DRIVING TIPS

from the
Madison County
Sheriff's Office

If you see a deer cross the road,
slow down and use extreme cau-
tion. Deer often travel in groups - if
you see one, **expect more.**

Use flashers or a headlight signal
to warn other drivers when deer are
spotted on or near the road.

Use caution and be alert when
passing through areas marked with
deer crossing signs. These signs are
placed in areas that have shown a
high incidence of deer/vehicle colli-
sions in the past.

The Madison County Sheriff's Of-
fice and the New York State Police
investigate an average of 546 car an-
imal crashes a year in Madison
County. That is a car animal crash
for every 2.7 miles of roadway!!!



Stay Alert:

The arrival of the fall season brings colorful foliage, and crisp clear days. But remember, fall driving can be unpredictable due to weather changes and brings an end to Daylight Savings Time.

**Sunday, November 6, 2016
is the day that the clocks are
turned back one hour.**

That one hour change can have several effects:

- * Turning the clock back affects your body's internal clock.
- * You are likely to be fatigued until your body has adjusted to the time change.
- * You may be commuting in the dark more frequently, which you haven't done in six months.
- * Incidences of drowsy driving crashes are much higher during the first weeks following the time changes.
- * Remember, animals don't live by clocks, you may now be on the roads when they are more active.

School is back in session

School buses and students will be back on the roads. Leave yourself plenty of time to get to your destination. And **NEVER** pass a stopped school bus **ANYWHERE** with its **RED LIGHTS** flashing .

Watch Out For Leaves

Once leaves become wet, they can present slippery and dangerous driving conditions, much like icy roads. Be sure to watch for patches of leaves on the road.

Dry leaves can also present problems for you and your vehicle. Avoid parking your vehicle near leaf piles, as the heat from your catalytic converter could start a fire.

Avoid Sun Glare

With the end of Daylight Savings Time comes reduced visibility. Even on familiar roads, it is important that you use additional caution and adjust your driving habits to the different morning or late afternoon glare from the sun. It can cause reflections off vehicle windows and hoods, and can decrease your visibility.

Check your Tire Pressure

With frequent weather and temperature changes, vehicle tires can expand and contract more, causing them to lose air pressure. Make sure your tires are properly inflated and have plenty of tread.

Deer Hunting Season

Deer will be trying to avoid hunters and crossing roadways more frantically

Use extreme caution if driving at dawn and dusk, when deer are most active and visibility is poor. This means deer are often most active during peak commuter traveling times.

The risk of deer/vehicle collisions is greatest during Autumn and early Winter. Two thirds of these crashes occur in October, November, and December when deer movements peak due to the onset of the breeding season.

Slow down when approaching deer standing near roadsides. Deer may "bolt" or change direction at the last minute.