

# PREPAREDNESS *minute*

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## Driving Considerations

Monitor road conditions:  
<http://www.udot.utah.gov>  
 or via phone dialing 511.

### Drive for the conditions:

- Slow down
- Allow extra braking distance
- Do not tailgate
- Turn off your cruise control.
- Don't pass snowplows or sanders, and don't follow them too closely.
- Remain alert
- Bridges and overpasses often become icy first
- Ensure the heater and defroster are working properly.
- Snow & blowing snow can produce sudden restrictions in visibility.
- Don't slam on the brakes.

## ✘ Harsh Storms & Icy Winds ✘

*We can fortify our foundations of faith, our testimonies of truth, so that we will not falter, we will not fail.*

"In 1959, at the time I met him, President Tanner was president of the vast Trans-Canada Pipelines, Ltd. During that first meeting, we discussed, among other subjects, the cold Canadian winters, where storms rage, temperatures can linger well below freezing for weeks at a time. I asked Pres. Tanner why the roads & highways in western Canada basically remained intact during such winters, showing little or no signs of cracking or breaking, while the road surfaces in many areas where winters are less cold and less severe developed cracks.



Said he, "The answer is in the depth of the base of the paving materials. In order for them to remain strong and unbroken, it is necessary to go very deep with the foundation layers. When the foundations are not deep enough, the surfaces cannot withstand the extremes of weather."

Over the years I have thought often of this conversation and of President Tanner's explanation, for I recognize in his words a profound application for our lives. Stated simply, if we do not have a deep foundation of faith and a solid testimony of truth, we may have difficulty withstanding the **harsh storms and icy winds** of adversity which inevitably come to each of us.

May I offer three guidelines to help us in our quest.

*First*, fortify your foundation through prayer.

My *second* guideline: Let us study the scriptures and "meditate therein day and night," as counseled by the Lord in the book of Joshua (1:8). My *third* guideline for building a strong foundation of faith and testimony involves service."

(President Thomas S. Monson, "How Firm a Foundation," Ensign, Nov 2006)

## Feb, 2008 Storm

A fast-moving snowstorm blasted northern Utah Wednesday during the evening commute, closing roads and bringing traffic to a standstill. The storm hit hardest in Utah County. "We just have crashes all over," Utah Highway Patrol spokesman Cameron Roden said. In Saratoga Springs, where the storm caused some of the most severe

problems. Slick roads and high winds caused a 12-car pileup at Redwood Road and Lehi Main in Saratoga Springs. Dozens of people, including children, were hurt in accidents that littered the county's roadsides, were reported Wednesday night. All of Redwood Road was shut down in Utah County by 6 p.m. Motorists in the area gathered at a nearby grocery store, the

hundreds of people roaming the aisles. People were seen buying pillows and blankets, preparing to spend the night. Parents who came to pick up their children became stuck as roads in the area closed. Neighbors brought food, blankets and pillows to the school, while some spent the night.

Deseret News (Salt Lake City), Feb 14, 2008 by Jacob Hancock