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## Emergency Weather Shelters & Safety Advisory

### Important Reminder on Squatting:

The Shreveport Police Department is asking residents to remain vigilant and report any suspected squatting activity. During cold weather, individuals may enter vacant homes and attempt to heat them using unsafe methods. This significantly increases the risk of structure fires and puts neighboring homes at risk.

If you suspect squatting or notice signs of improper burning within city limits, contact the Shreveport Police Department immediately.

As temperatures are expected to drop into the 30s with periods of rain over the next several days, the Shreveport Police Department is urging residents—especially those without stable housing—to utilize available shelters and warming centers.

### Shelters & Resources:

- Hope Connections – 2350 Levy St | [\(318\) 670-4591](tel:3186704591) | No ID Required
- Rescue Mission – 901 McNeil St | [\(318\) 227-2868](tel:3182272868) | ID Required
- The Lovewell Center – 605 Cotton St | [\(318\) 606-2518](tel:3186062518) | Daytime Only, No ID
- Hope House – 762 Austen Pl | [\(318\) 220-7649](tel:3182207649) | Daytime Only, No ID
- Winter Weather Shelter – 1054 Texas St | [\(318\) 771-5180](tel:3187715180) | No ID Required
- Salvation Army – 200 E Stoner | [\(318\) 424-3200](tel:3184243200) | Male Only, ID Required
- Highland Center – 520 Olive St | [\(318\) 673-8440](tel:3186738440) | Daytime Only (9 AM–4 PM); Coats Available (12 PM–4 PM)

### Safety Tips:

- Dress in warm layers and limit time outdoors.
- Do not light fires in enclosed spaces to avoid carbon monoxide buildup.
- Use heaters and open flames carefully to prevent fire hazards.

### Take Action:

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please use the listed resources right away.

Together, we can help ensure everyone remains safe, warm, and accounted for during this period of cold and rain.