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### **RSIPF reminds public to take extra care during bad weather**

The Royal Solomon Island Police Force (RSIPF) reminds members of the public to take extra precautionary measures during the bad weather currently experienced throughout the country.

RSIPF Commissioner Mostyn Mangau says, “Avoid walking or driving through floodwaters. Avoid camping or parking along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.”

“If there is a chance of flash flooding, move immediately to higher grounds. Flash floods can cause weather-related deaths.”

Commissioner Mangau says, “Vehicle drivers and out boat motor (OBM) skippers when driving along the road and travelling between our islands must take extra care during the bad weather.”

“Police like to remind public that travelling at high speed on our roads must be discouraged and OBM drivers must assess the weather before embarking on any trip.”

Commissioner Mangau adds, “OBM skippers must ensure they have the required safety equipment before travelling to other islands. Stay onshore during bad weather and notify members of your family where you are going and what time you are expected to arrive at your destination. Listen to the weather report on SIBC and other radio stations.”

“It is good and important that drivers and skippers must always put safety first before travelling on our roads and between our islands,” says Commissioner Mangau.

And always adhere to health protocols as we are in this trying time fighting against COVID-19. Movements of OBM must be minimized only with emergency situation that seeks medical attention can proceed however, will require permission at checkpoints especial during the remaining hours of lockdown from Alligator bridge to Poha bridge.

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