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RSIPF reminds public to take extra care during bad weather

The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) appeals to members of the public throughout the country to think safety first and take precautionary measures during this period of bad weather that is being experienced throughout the country.

Supervising Commissioner of Police Mr. Ian VAEVASO says, “Boats and vessel owners are urged to think safety first before embarking on any trip at sea during the current bad weather. Check the weather by listening to the SIBC and other radio stations or call the Met Services and get the right advice before travelling at sea.”

Mr. Ian VAEVASO says, “Road users in Honiara and throughout the provinces are also advised to take safety measures when travelling on the roads as we are experiencing bad weather throughout the country. Please do not cross-flooded rivers or streams. Avoid walking or driving through floodwaters. Avoid camping or parking along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly.”

He says, “Vehicle drivers and out boat motor (OBM) skippers when driving along the road and travelling between our islands must take extra care during this time of bad weather currently affecting the country. Like to remind the 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 VAEVASO 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.”

“It is good and important that drivers and skippers must always put safety first before travelling on our roads and between our islands. Given the slippery road conditions, pedestrians are also encouraged to take care when walking along the footpaths. Children are encouraged not to play along the roadsides. Parents are reminded to keep your children away from flooded rivers or streams,” says Mr. VAEVASO.

The Supervising police Chief, “We do not want to lose any lives during this bad weather. Let us all work together to make sure everyone is safe during this bad weather. If there is a chance of flash flooding, move immediately to higher grounds. Flash floods can cause weather-related deaths.”

If you are at sea and need help, contact the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) on phone 21609 or 27685, or toll free 977. You can also call the Police Communication Centre on 23666, toll free 999. Or call Meteorological Service for a weather update on phone 27658, 23029, or free toll number 933.

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