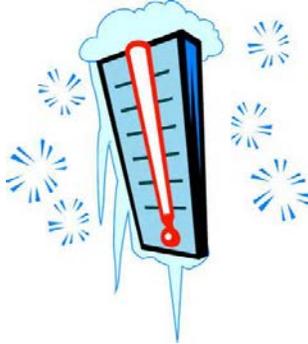




## City of Lowell to Open Warming Station Due to Extreme Cold This Weekend



Due to the extreme cold weather and wind chills well below zero, The City of Lowell will be opening a warming station at the **Lowell Senior Center at 276 Broadway Street**. The warming station will be open from **3:00 P.M. on Friday February 12, 2016 until Monday February 15, 2016 at 8:00 A.M.** If anyone that is cold needs a place to go, or if anyone comes across a homeless person in the City this weekend, please refer them to the Senior Center. If someone needs transportation to the Senior Center, the Lowell Police will transport that person. The Senior Center will be staffed by a LPD Officer and a Lowell Firefighter/EMT. For questions, please call the 911 Center at 978-937-3200, or dial 911 in case of an emergency. Additionally, keep in mind the following extreme cold weather safety tips from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA):

- Continue to monitor the media for emergency information and follow instructions from public safety officials
- Minimize outdoor activities for the whole family, including pets.
- Dress in several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothing instead of a single heavy layer. Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent. Wear a hat, mittens (not gloves), and sturdy waterproof boots to protect your extremities. Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.
- Take recommended safety precautions when using space heaters, a fireplace, or a woodstove to heat your home. Keep a fire extinguisher handy.
- Be a good neighbor. Check on family, friends, and neighbors, especially the elderly, those who live alone, those with medical conditions, and those who may need additional assistance.

- For more, visit the MEMA website:

<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/emergencies/cold/>