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### **RBFRS SUPPORTS AMBULANCE SERVICE DURING EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (RBFRS) had a fairly busy night last night owing to the extreme weather conditions.

The majority of incidents attended by RBFRS involved helping South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) reach patients, using the Brigade's fleet of off-road capability vehicles.

RBFRS also used their off-road vehicles to transport midwives to homes in Sidmouth Grange Close, Lower Earley, and Underwood Road, Southcote so they could attend to patients who were about to give birth and unable to get to hospital.

Andy Mancey, Area Manager for Response at RBFRS, said: "This is an excellent example of how the emergency services work together to help people in urgent situations. With road conditions remaining treacherous across Berkshire today, I would like to remind people not to travel unless it is absolutely essential.

"If you do have to travel, make sure your car is fully fuelled and that you have packed warm clothes, blankets, food and drink, and your mobile phone and in-car phone charger to allow you to contact with your friends and relatives if you get stuck. You can also help us by taking steps to reduce the risk of a fire in the home and only calling 999 in a genuine emergency situation."

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