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(Neb.)-Snow Slows Travel In And Around Chadron

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(Chadron)-A "surprise blizzard" of sorts hit the Chadron area on Tuesday evening. The forecast called for a 20% chance of snow, with accumulation of possibly one inch. However, several reports in Chadron indicate anywhere from 3-5 inches accumulation. Blowing snow and icy conditions also led to the Nebraska State Patrol being called out for several motorists who had gone off the road.

According to the NSP, by 7 pm on Tuesday evening, numerous reports were received of vehicles sliding off roads due to blowing snow and snow packed routes, and travel in the area was not recommended. There were also accidents near Scottsbluff due to icy roads as well.

Lt. Rick Hickstein with the Chadron Police Department said that there have been very few accidents in town over the last few days due to weather, but he has seen a lot of places where people have slid into curbs. Hickstein is pleased that residents are driving very well and being cautious, but he would like to urge people to clear off their windshields more when venturing out. He stressed that this is a hazard as it obstructs vision.

The Associated Press reported that westbound lanes of Interstate 80 had been closed on Wednesday morning near Lincoln because of jackknifed semitrailers, as blowing snow continued to cause problems in eastern Nebraska. At one time, Highway 6 near Milford was closed, but had reopened by Wednesday morning.

Schools in the Chadron area conducted business as usual, but the Chadron Public Schools did advise on their Facebook page to be careful when getting out and about.

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