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**NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: (Bristol, CT) February 2, 2023**

**BRISTOL ANNOUNCES SEVERE COLD WEATHER AND WARMING SHELTER OPTIONS**

The City is urging residents to be prepared Friday into Saturday as temperatures are forecasted to dip into the single digits and teens on Friday night. The Governor has activated the severe cold weather protocol to ensure adequate shelter space from the early hours of Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> to the afternoon of Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

“During this stretch of single-digit temperatures, we want to remind everyone that there are warming shelters available for those in need here in Bristol. Anyone in need can also call 2-1-1 to get connected to a nearby location, they may even be able to provide transportation if necessary,” stated Harley Graime, Director of Emergency Management for the City of Bristol.

The City has confirmed warming shelters at the following locations:

**Bristol Public Library - 5 High Street –**

Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> open until 5:00 pm

Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

**Agape House - 43 School Street –**

Saturday and Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Brian's Angels – 99 Summer Street, entrance is in the rear off of Center Street –**

Saturday and Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

If the local overnight shelter at St. Vincent DePaul is at capacity, those in need should dial 2-1-1, press option 5 and a contact specialist will direct them to other shelters and/or warming stations in surrounding communities, they be able to provide transportation if necessary.

Please check on neighbors and the elderly. And, as a reminder it is against the law to leave animals outside in extreme weather conditions.

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