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LEE COUNTY
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

INCIDENT/EVENT:

Freeze Warning

STATEMENT NUMBER: #1

DATE:

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The National Weather Service in Ruskin has issued a FREEZE WARNING TONIGHT THROUGH TOMORROW MORNING AND CONTINUED COLD WEATHER THURSDAY NIGHT UNTIL FRIDAY MORNING

Tonight: A low around 33. North northeast wind around 10 mph. The Freeze Warning is in effect from midnight tonight to 9 AM Thursday morning.

Thursday Night: A low around 38. North northeast wind around 8 mph.

The following cold weather shelters will be open:

The Salvation Army

Opens at: 7 PM

Red Shield Lodge

2476 Edison Avenue

Fort Myers, FL 33916

Fort Myers Rescue Mission

Opens at: 7 PM

6900 Mission Lane

Fort Myers, FL 33916

Please consider the following cold weather precautions:

- Be careful with space heaters. Keep away from flammable items such as curtains and upholstery. Inspect the heater & electrical cord before use. Do not use extension cords.
- Make sure your smoke detector is working.
- Do not use charcoal or gas grills inside. They produce deadly Carbon Monoxide.
- Bring pets and potted plants inside. Cover outdoor plants.
- Protect wells and outdoor plumbing from freezing.
- Check on neighbors, friends and relatives. The elderly and children are especially vulnerable to cold temperatures.
- Stay indoors or dress warmly, in layers, and wear a hat if you will be outside.