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## **Press release regarding upcoming Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024**

The Orleans Marshal's Office wants you to be aware of these important tips concerning the proper and safe way to prepare for and observe the solar event. The magnitude of this event is projected to be extremely large which will strain the resources of every venue in the watch area. We offer these tips to provide guidelines to protect you and yours.

Prior to the day of the event top off your vehicle gas tank, be prepared for potential traffic congestion and delays due to the projected crowds.

Make sure you're prepared for extended time reaching your intended destination as well as potential extended time returning to your home. This means carry food and water as well as medications that may be needed during the days travel.

It is advised to carry a first aid kit in your vehicle for minor injuries etc., emergency services will be extremely busy due to the anticipated crowds which could mean extended waits for service.

Make sure your cell phones and devices are charged and have a charging device in your vehicle, cell towers could potentially be overwhelmed by call volume so you will need to be patient if you require service of any type.

**Make absolutely sure your safety glasses are of the approved type to protect your vision while viewing the eclipse, anything less could cause permanent eye damage.**

We in the town of Orleans want this to be a fun event for your entire family; we also want it to be a safe event for everyone. We ask that you be patient regarding calls for service, call volume could dictate we have to prioritize calls and might delay response times in some cases.

We look forward to hosting this event and welcome everyone to Orleans for a safe and fun event.

Town of Orleans Emergency Services