



News Release

WISCONSIN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON SEVERE WEATHER #2

OVERVIEW – Southern Wisconsin was hit with severe weather this evening with reports of heavy rains, hail, strong winds and possible tornadoes. The State Emergency Operations Center was activated to Level 3 earlier this evening with partial staff in the EOC but is now transferred back to Level 4 activation with normal monitoring through the 24 hour duty officer system. There has been no request for state assistance.

Below are storm damage reports as of 9:00 p.m.

Lafayette County - Lafayette County Emergency Management reports a possible tornado near Gratiot. No reports of major damage at this time. The Sheriff Department is continuing to check on damage.

Grant County – Grant County Emergency Management reported a second round of weather this evening with mostly heavy rains in the Platteville area. Officials have not reported any home damage.

Columbia County – Columbia County Emergency Management reported some trees down and nickel size hail in the Cambria area. There also were reports of heavy rains northeast of Cambria.

Sauk County – Officials in Sauk County report no major damage. Lightning struck a transformer in the Spring Green area and Alliant Energy was on-scene doing repairs.

Iowa County - Iowa County reported rain in Mineral Point and the surrounding area. There are trees down in the northern part of the county. No major damage reported by Iowa County Emergency Management.

Green Lake County - Green Lake County reports some lightning strikes and tree damage. No major damage to homes reported at this time.



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Crawford County – Crawford County evacuated one home because of a leaking LP tank. The county is shutting down operations for the night. Earlier, Crawford County Emergency Management reported a couple of possible tornado touchdowns at County Highway C between State Highways 27 and 131. Preliminary reports of damage include a couple of old barns down and some trees toppled.

Marquette County – Marquette County Emergency Management reports 50-60 mph winds south of the Montello area. Some trees and power lines were down, but no reports of any structural damages. Fire and highway departments are out clearing debris from highways. There was some standing water on roads, but he was not aware of any road closures.

Richland County - Richland County Emergency Management reported that power is out north and northeast of Richland Center, mudslides on State Highway 60 and several other roads closed because of trees or mudslides. No reports of damage to homes.

Dodge County – Dodge County Emergency Management reports the severe weather has passed through the county and there were no reports of damage.

Dane County – Dane County Emergency Management partially activated their county emergency operations center this evening to monitor the storms. No reports of damage.

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