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DATE: September 2, 2011, 6:00 p.m.
TO: Governor Scott Walker
FROM: Brian Satula, WEM Administrator
SUBJECT: Situation Report #2 on Severe Weather

County emergency management officials continue to assess damages from this morning's severe thunderstorms in west central and east central Wisconsin. There are no additional requests for assistance from the affected counties at this time.

More than 65,000 customers remain without power statewide. In the Fox Valley, as many as 40,000 customers are estimated to be without power.

With 19,945 customers affected, the City of Appleton is the hardest hit area for power outages. A major transmission line to the area is down, and it is expected to take up to three days to fully restore power.

Updated information is available for the following counties (information from the previous situation report is in italics):

Brown County:

10,000 customers remain without power. No major damage reported.

Reports of trees and power lines down.

Buffalo County:

Reports of downed trees, but no major roadways impacted.

La Crosse County:

Despite a number of homes that remain without power, operations in the county are running smoothly.

More than 3,000 Xcel Energy customers remain without power in the county. The company says that crews will work overnight to restore power to most customers by Saturday morning.

The storm struck the City of La Crosse and the neighboring communities of Shelby and Campbell Townships, the Village of West Salem and the City of Onalaska this morning at approximately 7:15. No injuries were reported.

The County 9-1-1 Dispatch Center received nearly 75 telephone calls during a 45-minute period this morning from citizens reporting trees damaged or knocked down onto power lines. Electric power has been restored in many areas, but several power poles and sections of electric power lines must be replaced or repaired before all electric power can be restored.

Several major traffic routes were blocked by trees and other debris during the morning commute, but nearly all have been cleared. A section of Drive-Inn Road near State Road 33 remains closed while crews repair downed power lines and broken power poles. Minor localized street flooding occurred during the brief heavy rains.

Outagamie County:

The county is expecting power outages to last up to three days. The Justice Center Building is operating on a backup generator. The Outagamie County Administrative Building is without power at this time.

The Red Cross will open a reception center at Kaukauna High School (located at 1701 County Trunk CE, Kaukauna) for people to charge electronic devices and take showers. The center will open on Friday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Health and Human Services has identified two nursing homes operating on emergency power. The facilities have acquired additional fuel for their generators.

Outagamie Public Health has been reaching out to local restaurants affected by the power outage to provide them with food safety guidelines. Food safety guidelines for the general public and for restaurants during power outages are posted on the county web site.

A WEM Regional Director is at the county EOC to assist as needed. The EOC will close at 8:00 p.m. this evening and will reopen at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

The county has opened its emergency operations center (EOC). WEM's East Central Region Director is travelling to the county to assist as needed.

Alliant Energy has lost a major transmission line to the Appleton area, and it may be days before it can be repaired. Numerous trees and power lines down and many streets are blocked.

Vernon County:

Xcel Energy reports that roughly 1,700 customers in the county are without power as of 4:45 p.m.

Approximately 2,500 people are without power. A communications tower may have been struck by lightning, but communications in the county are adequate at this time.

Waushara County:

The majority of property damage in the county is likely to be minor. Reports have been received of trees falling on homes and of soffit and fascia damage for homeowners. Power remains out in areas, but is steadily being restored. There are no power issues for nursing homes and hospitals.

A number of roads remain impassable due to downed trees and power lines.

No damage has been reported to any public property or roadways.

One person is expected to remain in the county's Red Cross shelter overnight.

The County's EOC has been set up at the Sheriff's Department. The west end of the county is reporting mostly trees and power lines. There are reports of damages to homes in the Wautoma area around Silver Lake; officers are assessing the damage.

The east end of the county is reporting mostly minor structure damage. A broken gas main in the Saxeville area has led to the evacuation of a residence.

A Red Cross shelter has been setup in the Demo Room at the courthouse for people who are oxygen dependent and not in need of medical transport.

The counties listed below report no new issues and continue their cleanup operations (information from the previous situation report is in italics):**Adams County:**

Straight line winds led to scattered tree limbs and downed power lines in the county. The public safety building is running on generator power and residents in several communities are without power. No reports of injuries and no reports of damage to businesses.

Calumet County:

Reports across the county of trees across roads and on power lines. Several trees landed campers at the Chilton Fairgrounds and County Park. No injuries or damaged structures reported so far.

Kewaunee County:

Wind damage is mainly in the northern end of the county. Reports of trees and power lines down. The City of Kewaunee is out of power at this time.

Manitowoc County:

Reports of trees and power lines down. A report has also been received that a semi-truck toppled over on I-43.

Trempealeau County:

All lanes of WIS 35 were closed for four hours due to a downed tree blocking the road, but all lanes have reopened.

Waupaca County:

Trees and power lines down. Some roads were blocked due to downed trees.

Winnebago County:

Trees and power lines are down in the northern portion the county, with the Neenah/Menasha area hit the hardest. Damage assessments continue.

Power outages as of 4:45 p.m.

Alliant Energy (County, # residents without power):

Alliant's "north central" zone:

Adams, 1183

Juneau, 1889

Monroe, 1074

Alliant's "northeast" zone:

Green Lake, 505

Marquette, 376

Portage, 549

Waupaca, 191

Waushara, 5987

Winnebago, 1565

Alliant's "south" zone:

Vernon, 194

Counties with 1-20 customers without power: Dane, Fond du Lac

WE Energies (County, # residents without power):

Calumet, 3495

Kenosha, 50

Milwaukee, 150

Outagamie, 25938 (City of Appleton has 19945 without power)

Shawano, 39

Waupaca, 3562

Waushara, 760

Winnebago, 9049

Counties with 1-20 customers without power: Jefferson, Oconto, Washington, Waukesha

Wisconsin Public Service (City/County, # residents without power):

Chilton, 845

Green Bay, 6904

Manitowoc County, 343

Oshkosh, 1360

Stevens Point, 309

Waupaca, 2064

Cities/Counties with 1-20 customers without power: Antigo, Eagle River, Wausau, Kewaunee

Xcel Energy (County, # residents without power):

La Crosse, roughly 3000

Monroe, roughly 300

Vernon, roughly 1700

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