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Firefighters responded to a fire in a gymnasium at Siren High School today. All students were safely evacuated with no injuries to students or staff. Students were sent home at noon. On the scene were five fire departments: Siren, Webster, Grantsburg, St. Croix-Hertel (Tribal), and Frederick. The fire remains under investigation.

Meanwhile, clean up continues following heavy rains in northwestern Wisconsin and yesterday's severe storms in southwest and southeast portions of the state. There were no injuries reported as a result of the severe storms and flooding. Repeated rounds of heavy rain in northwestern Wisconsin have caused several rivers and creeks, including the Mississippi River to rise. However, major flooding is not expected.

Here is the current update:

Northwestern Wisconsin

Barron County: Some roads were blocked due to fallen trees.

Bayfield County: Officials in Bayfield County continue to conduct damage assessments following the heavy rainfall that caused damage to numerous roads. Road damage is reported in the Towns of Bell, Kelly, Port Wing and Russell and also reported on tribal lands of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

Douglas County: Officials report the county was hit again with heavy rain yesterday but no additional damage was sustained. However, several roads remained closed due to damage caused by flooding. County Highway D and Highway UU remain closed. County Highway P is down to one lane. Officials continue to conduct damage assessments. There have been no reports of residents displaced as a result of the storms.

Polk County: Storms over the weekend caused road and street damage in Towns of Clam Falls, Laketown, West Sweden and Village of Frederick. Emergency management officials are still surveying the damage but estimate about \$40,000 in damage to roads.

West Central Wisconsin

Chippewa County: Chippewa County Emergency Management reported 4 homes received minor damage and a barn was destroyed from last Thursday's severe storms. In addition, Dunn Electric

sustained \$6,750 and Chippewa Valley Electric reported \$2,000 in damage to the rural electrical cooperatives.

Eau Claire County: Cleanup continued following the storm that passed through on Thursday. New damage reports include the County Materials Corporation that sustained damage to their facility. In addition, some private hangers were damaged by the wind at the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport. All power has been fully restored.

East Central Wisconsin

Calumet County: Brief power outages in the New Holstein area on Saturday. Hail fell on Sunday but no damage was reported.

Marquette County: Monday's storms caused some downed trees and minor roof damage in the Briggsville area.

Southwest Wisconsin

Columbia County: Columbia County officials report about \$12,000 in damage and debris removal mainly in the Wisconsin Dells area following Monday's severe storms.

Crawford County: Lightning damaged the communications tower that impacted the dispatch center for a couple of hours on Saturday.

Dane County: Dane County reported some minor street flooding that occurred on Monday as well as some minor structural fires caused by lightning.

Green County: Strong storms caused numerous down trees. In the Juda area, strong winds and storm debris damaged a home and two barns. In New Glarus, downed trees also brought down some electrical lines. Officials say power has been restored. Minor storm damage was also reported in Brodhead.

Rock County: Hail and heavy winds were reported in the Evansville area. Officials say lightning caused a fire at a senior center in Edgerton that displaced 40 people. No one was injured and the Red Cross and the Southern Wisconsin Emergency Preparedness Team provided assistance.

Southeast Wisconsin

Milwaukee County: Storms on Saturday caused power outages to about 20,000 customers. No major damage reported.

Ozaukee County: Cedarburg was hit yesterday afternoon with hail and strong winds that downed trees and power lines. Some streets were closed until public works could remove debris.

Washington County: South of Highway 60 received the brunt of the storm on Monday with downed trees and power lines. A few small fires were started from the downed lines but were quickly extinguished.

Waukesha County: Strong winds of over 65 mph were reported at the town of Lisbon yesterday. Officials originally thought it was a weak tornado but have confirmed it as a gustnado, which is a short-lived, low level rotating cloud. Damage reported was minimal.

Wisconsin Emergency Management is engaged with the local officials and will continue to monitor the progress of the recovery efforts. Several communities have inquired about the Wisconsin Disaster Fund to help cover some of the repair and debris removal costs.