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Governor Doyle Tours Tornado Damage in Eagle

Announces \$7,500 in Emergency Housing Assistance for Tornado Victims

VILLAGE OF EAGLE – Governor Jim Doyle today announced a \$7,500 emergency housing grant for the victims of Monday's tornado and storms that hit Waukesha County and the Village of Eagle. Today Governor Doyle and Brigadier General Don Dunbar toured communities affected by the damaging storms and met with families and local officials.

"I had the opportunity to survey the area with General Dunbar today, and as you would expect, we saw significant destruction," Governor Doyle said. "But what I see here in the Village of Eagle, and what I see on the faces of the crews and volunteers already hard at work to rebuild this community is a determination to help those who have been affected, and return life to normal. The grant I am announcing today will aid the recovery process and ensure that those who had their homes destroyed can continue to have a safe place to live until they can return to their homes or to other permanent housing."

The \$7,500 grant is being made available through the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA). The funds will help cover the cost of placement services including the cost of temporary housing for citizens displaced as a result of the tornados. Coordinated through Wisconsin Emergency Management, the grant will be administered by the Red Cross.

Yesterday Governor Doyle declared a state of emergency in Waukesha County following strong winds and thunderstorms storms throughout the county and an F2 tornado that hit the Village of Eagle. The storms damaged dozens of homes and other structures, and caused widespread power outages and downed trees.

The state of emergency directs state agencies to assist local governments in recovering from this natural disaster. Wisconsin Emergency Management personnel were on the scene Monday night, working with local officials to begin assessing the damage and determining what resources would be needed to help speed recovery efforts. Local and state officials are continuing to work to get an accurate assessment of the damage and the resources needed to help speed recovery efforts.

Governor Doyle thanked everyone who has been involved in the efforts to help this community rebuild and recover. He thanked Wisconsin Emergency Management, the DNR, local officials, local law enforcement agencies, volunteer organizations, and friends and neighbors who have worked so hard to rebuild this community, and will continue to work hard until the job is done.

Storm victims seeking information on filing storm insurance claims should visit the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance webpage: <http://oci.wi.gov/pressrel/0610weather.htm> .