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**DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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**DATE:** April 11, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

**TO:** Governor Scott Walker

**FROM:** Mike Hinman, WEM Administrator

**SUBJECT: Situation Report #1 on Severe Weather**

Last night's storms brought heavy rains, hail and suspected tornadoes to much of Wisconsin, with the Northeast and East Central regions reporting the heaviest damages to homes and businesses. Many county emergency management directors are assessing their local damages today. All tornado reports are tentative until confirmed by the National Weather Service.

**Adams County:**

Representatives from the county emergency management, police and sheriff's departments are assessing damage from an unconfirmed tornado in the area of Big Flats/Cottonville:

- From east to west: 11th Avenue, west to Cottonville dam
- From north to south: Chicago Avenue to Cree Avenue

**Calumet County:**

Minor damage reported to around a dozen homes.

**Forest County:**

Reports of minor damage from a suspected tornado touchdown.

**Kewaunee County:**

County Trunk X is shut down for at least two or three days due to erosion caused by water crossing the road.

Culvert pipes are plugged in numerous areas causing erosion to multiple roads and embankments throughout the county. Water has pooled up to six feet in diameter on some roads.

**Lincoln County:**

A suspected tornado hit shortly after 6:00 pm last night. The County EOC is partially activated. An incident command post is set at the intersection of Taylor and Pierce Streets in Merrill. A perimeter has been set with the State Patrol at check points, and no one is being allowed entry at this time.

Local States of Emergency have been declared. State agencies on scene include WEM, DNR and State Patrol and the Red Cross.

Three serious injuries required helicopter transport, but no deaths were reported.

The damage path is from SW to NE with concentrations in a 2-3 mile (approximate) path along the north city limits. Gas and power have been shut off to the area. Six gas crews and 20-plus power crews are on the scene.

An initial assessment shows that seven businesses in the industrial park were destroyed and 20 to 25 homes were either destroyed or have sustained major damage. 25 to 50 other homes have sustained other damages. No insurance information is available at this time on the properties.

Congregate care is being run by Red Cross at AmericInn. No one stayed overnight, as displaced residents sought shelter with family and friends.

Merrill area public schools are closed for the day.

Damage assessments began in the county at 8:30 am, and an additional briefing is expected from the county at noon.

No additional resources have been requested for Lincoln at this point.

**Marathon County:**

Damages were reported from the Town of Holton along County FF to US 51. Reports of one house damaged/destroyed, shed and barns damaged in the Hamburg area on either side of FF. Reports of trees and power lines down in this area.

**Outagamie County:**

Outagamie is continuing their damage assessment, and is expecting to declare a disaster for City of Kaukauna and Outagamie County. Reports of pea-sized hail, heavy rain, trees down, power lines down. City of Kaukauna is reporting damaged homes.

**Winnebago County:**

Reports of trees down and roof and window damages to some homes. One business with major damage in Town of Menasha, with the roof and one wall collapsed. Downed power lines reported, but most power is on. County emergency management still taking reports of damages.

There are no additional requests for any assistance from the affected areas at this time.

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