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Governor Scott Walker Requests SBA Disaster Declaration for Storm Victims of Outagamie County

Madison – Governor Scott Walker requested the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) declare Outagamie County a disaster area due to storm damage incurred in August. Brown, Calumet, Shawano, Waupaca and Winnebago Counties, which are contiguous to Outagamie County, could also be eligible for SBA assistance.

“This declaration would allow individuals and businesses affected by the storms to apply for low-interest loans,” Governor Walker said. “This option helps the recovery by allowing people to begin much-needed repairs.”

In the early morning hours of August 7, a storm system moved through northeast Wisconsin with straight-line winds. That system also triggered six tornadoes. Outagamie County Emergency Management, Wisconsin Emergency Management, and SBA completed an initial damage assessment and reported more than twenty-five residences and businesses sustained significant damage with uninsured losses in excess of forty percent.

Damages to residences and businesses did not meet requirements for a Federal Emergency Management major disaster declaration; therefore, Governor Walker is seeking assistance from the Small Business Administration.

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