



STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Jim Doyle
Governor

DATE: July 22, 2010
7:00 p.m.

TO: Governor Jim Doyle

FROM: Mike Hinman
WEM Administrator

SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT #1 ON SEVERE WEATHER

OVERVIEW – Numerous flash flood and tornado warnings are in effect for several counties across the state. Heavy rains, straight-line winds, possible tornados and flash flooding have been reported. No report of injuries have been received at this time.

The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Madison has been activated to monitor the storms. Staff from Wisconsin Emergency Management, the Wisconsin National Guard Joint Operations Center and Wisconsin State Patrol are in the EOC.

Tornado warnings are in effect in Iowa, Dane, Jefferson, Walworth and Waukesha Counties.

Below are the latest damage reports as of 7:00 p.m.:

Iowa County: Possible tornado touchdown outside of Dodgeville near Governor Dodge State Park. Emergency responders are heading to a multiple vehicle crash that may have been the result of high wind activity.

Winnebago County: Widespread flooding has been reported in Neenah, Oshkosh, Menasha and the Village of Winneconne. There is one report of an individual displaced from her home due to an estimated three feet of water in her basement; the Red Cross will provide emergency shelter for her tonight. Several roads are closed including parts of Highway 76. Standing water has been reported on Highway 116 north of Omro.

Milwaukee County: Nicolet High School in Milwaukee had a flooded basement and 16" on the main floor. I-43 is closed near Good Hope Road. Numerous streets are closed due to urban flooding. Milwaukee County Emergency Management has numerous reports of basement flooding and sewer backups.

Ozaukee County: Southbound I-43 is closed near Mequon Road. The alternate route is Highway 167.

Barge Accident:

At around 6:00 p.m., WEM reported that a fully loaded barge on the Mississippi River struck the State Highway 82 bridge that crosses from Wisconsin (Crawford County) to Iowa. The U.S. Coast Guard has shut the highway and bridge down indefinitely pending a full inspection of the bridge. There have been no requests for state or National Guard assistance.

For further information, contact Wisconsin Emergency Management at 608-242-3292.