DATE: July 14, 2010
   4:30 p.m.

TO: Governor Jim Doyle

FROM: Mike Hinman
      WEM Administrator

SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT #1 ON SEVERE WEATHER

OVERVIEW – Severe weather has been moving across Wisconsin causing some damage. No report of injuries at this time. The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Madison has been activated to monitor the storms. Staff from Wisconsin Emergency Management and the Wisconsin National Guard Joint Operations Center are in the EOC.

Several counties are under warnings and watches for severe weather and tornadoes. Most of the state is expected to be impacted by the severe weather tonight. The National Weather Service is forecasting a chance for tornadoes, straight-line winds, hail, heavy rains and flash flooding for much of the state throughout the evening.

Below are the latest damage reports as of 4:30 p.m.

   St. Croix County – Storms hit an area outside of Hammond damaging about 30 homes. Two of the homes sustained major damage, 1 minor, and the rest were effected.

   Sawyer County – Crews are cleaning up after storms downed trees and power lines. There are also reports of some homes damaged.

   Downed trees and power outages are also reported in Burnett and Washburn Counties.

Wisconsin Emergency Management Regional Directors are in contact with their county emergency directors to gather storm reports and offer any state assistance. Fire Services Coordinator Keith Tveit is also ready to respond with WEM response equipment.

For further information, contact Wisconsin Emergency Management at 608-242-3232.