



News Release

WISCONSIN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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DATE: November 23, 2010
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TO: Governor Jim Doyle

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SUBJECT: Situation Report #4 on Tornadoes

Damage assessments and cleanup continues in Racine and Walworth Counties following last night's tornadoes. An EF-1 tornado traveled more than 11 1/2 miles from Union Grove to Ives Grove in Racine County causing widespread damage. Another EF-1 tornado hit near the Village of Walworth causing damage to homes and farm buildings.

This afternoon, a UH-60 Wisconsin National Guard helicopter and crew conducted an aerial assessment of the impacted areas. Brig. Gen. Don Dunbar, Adjutant General of the Wisconsin National Guard, Racine County Executive William McReynolds, Racine County Emergency Management Director David Maack, Union Grove Village President Mike Aimone, and officials with Wisconsin Emergency Management participated in the mission.

Racine County - Racine County Emergency Management is still conducting damage assessments but reports that roughly 100 homes were damaged in the Union Grove area. In addition, several businesses were impacted with mainly roof damage. Sheppard's Home (residential facility) sustained damage. The dome over the water treatment plant was blown off its foundation. Some of the buildings at the county fairgrounds were also damaged. Earlier today, Racine County Executive declared a state of emergency.

Walworth County - Walworth County Emergency Management reports one home was destroyed and four were damaged in the town of Linn. In addition five outbuildings were damaged or destroyed. Local officials declared a state of emergency in Linn.

The State Emergency Operations Center has transitioned back to the 24 hour duty officer system with the WEM Senior Duty Officer and the Duty Officer continuing to monitor the situation.