DATE: August 20, 2011 2:00 pm

TO: Governor Scott Walker

FROM: Brian M. Satula, WEM Administrator

Officials in Marinette County continue to conduct damage assessments today in the Wausau area following last night's tornado that killed one person. The National Weather Service surveyed the area and confirmed the tornado was an EF1 with winds of 105 mph. The tornado touched down north of Long Lake and moved towards the north side of Wausau. Officials say the tornado was about 125 yards in width and traveled 7.8 miles.

The tornado destroyed two trailer homes. One man was killed when the trailer home he was in collapsed. An elderly couple was evacuated from the second trailer. No other injuries were reported.

The tornado also damaged a recycling business. Several fences along the high school and the village softball fields and recreational complex were also damaged.

Numerous trees and power lines were down. As of 2 p.m., only a few hundred customers in the area were without power.

Emergency officials have set up an operations center at the Wausau High School.

Wisconsin Emergency Management continues to monitor the situation.