TO: Governor Walker
FROM: Brian Satula, WEM Administrator
DATE: May 22, 2011
RE: Tornado & Severe Storms #2

LaCrosse County – Officials continue to assess damage in the LaCrosse area. The mayor has declared a state of emergency. LaCrosse County Emergency Management estimates at least 200 homes and businesses were damaged. The tornado path was approximately 3-4 blocks wide and a mile in length. There were reports of two minor injuries. Officials have lifted an earlier evacuation order after confirming there was no gas leak. Gundersen Lutheran Hospital was not hit by the tornado but did lose power. Local utilities are on the scene to restore power.

Wood County - Officials report three people were injured following a storm that hit the area. One person was at a campground near the town of Saratoga when the storm hit.

Portage County – Officials report a possible touchdown in the Plover area. No reports of damage.

Wisconsin Emergency Management continues to monitor the storms at the State Emergency Operations Center. In addition, staff have been sent to LaCrosse. There have been no requests for state assistance.