



INCIDENT REPORT

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Weather: Scattered thunderstorms are expected to develop across central to northern Wisconsin tonight. The main hazards with these thunderstorms are damaging winds and heavy rainfall. If any flooding occurs due to this rainfall, it will remain rather localized as opposed to widespread. The higher threat for flooding will occur Wednesday night into Thursday and continues into Saturday. Multiple rounds of storms, including some with potentially heavy rainfall could result in possible flooding and rivers rising. Current forecast models show southwestern Wisconsin has the highest chances for multiple rounds of heavy rain.

Flooding Response

A flood warning remains in effect for the Fox River at New Munster affecting Kenosha County. It is currently at 13.6 inches. The flood warning at Burlington has been cancelled as the river dropped below flood stage last evening. The river may rise to minor flood stage later this week from additional rain and thunderstorms that are expected.

Damage assessments in Kenosha, Racine and Walworth Counties continue. The data is being collected and analyzed. There are still many areas disaster assessment teams cannot reach or view damage due to high water. The Southwest and Southeast Incident Management Teams were assisting with damage assessments in the Burlington area in Racine County today.

Officials with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources continue to monitor dams in the area. They are waiting for water to go down in order for engineers to evaluate some of the dams.

Burlington

Several volunteer groups are assisting in Burlington. The American Red Cross opened a Multi-Agency Resource Center today at Burlington High School. The "MARC" which closes at 8:00 pm brings together multiple agencies to assist residents with recovery process. The Red Cross shelter at Burlington High School is now closed.

Kenosha County

The American Red Cross will staff a Multi-Agency Response Center for flood victims from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, at Riverview Grade School in Silver Lake. The Red Cross shelter in Salem at the Salem Elementary School remains open. Officials in Kenosha County report a sinkhole has developed in the Town of Wheatland. Much of the area remains flooded.

Walworth County

Walworth County officials continue to conduct damage assessments and collect information from residents.

Other Information

Officials with Wisconsin Department of Transportation report that WIS 50, over the Fox River near the town of New Munster, is now open to motorists. After the recent flooding events, crews have assessed roadway conditions and deemed the roadway drivable. WisDOT will continue to monitor water levels in the coming days.

Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) continues to work in flood impact areas to address needs of flood victims. Groups such as Samaritan's Purse have begun assisting residents with cleaning up flooded basements.

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