



INCIDENT REPORT

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Incident Report #3 – Southwestern Wisconsin flooding

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Response efforts continue in Dane County, following torrential rains earlier in the week. There are concerns about rising lake levels in Madison and surrounding communities, and the need to lower water levels on Lake Mendota has resulted in flooding further down the Yahara River, which connects the lakes. Up to two inches of rain is forecast in the region Sunday night, with potentially localized heavy rainfall. This could result in the continued rise of lake levels and additional flooding.

Governor Scott Walker declared a state of emergency in Dane County earlier this week, which directs all state agencies to aid local officials in their response efforts and allows the Wisconsin National Guard to be called to active duty to provide assistance. On Saturday, 70 Guard members were sent to help with sandbagging operations in Monona and Madison. Governor Scott Walker joined Guardsmen at both locations to view the flooding and fill sandbags with volunteers. The state is also currently working to fulfill requests from local communities for more than 400,000 sandbags.

While some roads have reopened following flooding earlier this week, Highway 14 remains closed from Pleasant View Road in Middleton to Mazomanie. Flooding on Madison's isthmus has also forced sections of roads in the city's downtown area to close. Drivers are urged to check 511wi.gov for current road closure and detour information before heading out.

Local officials are continuing to collect information about damage caused by flooding. Private property owners dealing with flood damage in Dane County should report it to 2-1-1 or 877-947-2211. As of Friday, more than 1068 individual reports of private damage had been reported. Business owners should contact their local government and document losses.

Shelters remain open at Mazomanie Elementary Schools and at Madison West High School. The Mazomanie shelter is scheduled to close Sunday morning. The Red Cross is working with shelter residents to identify longer term housing.

The Statewide Emergency Operations Center is currently elevated, as the state is monitoring the situation and providing assistance to local government agencies as requested.