



# INCIDENT REPORT

## Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center

Department of Military Affairs | 2400 Wright Street | Madison, WI 53707

### **Incident Report #5 – March 2019 Flooding**

March 20, 2019 – 11:00 am

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### **SUMMARY**

The National Weather Service indicates temperatures will remain cooler for the next few days and warming towards the end of the week which will increase the melt conditions. No major precipitation is in the forecast. Residents have begun to return to their homes, however, many are still displaced. Damage assessments and clean-up operations continue. The State Emergency Operations Center remains at Level 4 as the state continues to monitor flooding and respond to requests.

### **INJURIES/FATALITIES**

None reported

### **EVACUATIONS**

#### **East Central Region**

**Brown County** – The City of Green Bay has condemned 37 homes. They are waiting for further building inspections and essential repairs.

#### **Northeast Region**

**Portage County** - As of March 18, approximately 30 people have been evacuated within Plover and Park Ridge

#### **Southwest Region**

**Columbia County** – As of March 19, all Columbus residents have returned to their homes. In Lodi, seven residents have been displaced from homes around Crystal Lake. All Lodi displaced residents are staying with family and friends.

#### **West Central Region**

**Trempealeau County** – As of March 19, the evacuation of 12 homes in the Town of Dodge is still in place. Local officials advised displaced residents that water is still over the roads so emergency vehicles would not be able to respond to their homes if they chose to return on their own.

#### **Southeast Region**

**Ozaukee County** – Approximately 50 people have been displaced from homes, mostly in the Waubeka area.

## **SHELTERS**

### **East Central Region**

Fond du Lac County, Community Church – 20 people - March 18-19

Brown County, Preble High School- 15 people - March 18-19

The Red Cross continues to work with individuals and families within the shelters to identify alternative housing. The shelters anticipate closing before March 22.

## **ROADS & HIGHWAYS UPDATE – As of March 19 - 5:00 pm**

### **Columbia County:**

WIS 127 EB/WB, both directions between Zeitz Road and Lewiston Station Road

### **Crawford County:**

WIS 131 at Wauzeka SB lane closed with barricades

### **Dane County:**

WIS 69 Verona between CTH PB and US 151 NB/SB lanes

WIS 19 at CTH KP is closed EB/WB lanes

### **Dodge County:**

WIS 60 Columbus Between WIS 73 and CTH TT EB/WB

## **STATE DECLARATION**

Gov. Tony Evers issued Executive Order #16 March 15, 2019

## **LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS**

No new emergency declarations reported since March 18

## **OPEN REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE**

-The Town of Glen Haven (Grant County) requested an inspection/technical evaluation of the Glen Haven Levee. State Emergency Operations Center Operations Section determined capabilities within state to assess the levee. DNR accepted the mission.

-City of Green Bay (Brown County) has fielded calls from multiple homes seeking assistance with clean-up. The City of Green Bay Fire Chief has requested help with clean-up operations through Brown County. SEOC Operations Section contacted Team Rubicon. Team Rubicon is developing a plan to address Brown and Fond du Lac Counties unmet needs and is hoping to be working on site on March 20.

-The Village of Plover borrowed a 6" trash pump from Mead Wildlife in Wood County. As of Monday, they had not used the pump and will be returning the pump.

## **UNMET NEEDS**

None

**DAMAGE ESTIMATES – Reported by County/Tribal Emergency Management Offices as of March 19 2:00pm**

**Public Assistance - Estimated Damage to Public Infrastructure and Emergency Response Costs**

County	Category A (Debris Removal)	Category B (Emergency Protective)	Category C (Roads & Bridges)	Category D (Water Control Facilities)	Category E (Buildings & Equipment)	Category F (Utilities)	Category G (Rec/Other)	Total
Calumet		\$15,000	\$40,000					\$55,000
Columbia		\$38,860		\$26	\$90,000	\$1,800		\$130,686
Fond du Lac	\$150,000	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$40,000				\$290,000
Grant			\$15,000					\$15,000
Iowa			\$14,000					\$14,000
Kewaunee		\$25,000						\$25,000
Lafayette	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$50,000					\$60,000
Manitowoc	\$25,000	\$5,000	\$125,000					\$155,000
Marathon	\$70,000			\$30,000				\$100,000
Ozaukee		\$5,000	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$50,000			\$165,000
Polk			\$18,000					\$18,000
Portage		\$80,000	\$20,000					\$100,000
Sauk		\$20,000						\$20,000
Waushara			\$13,000					\$13,000
<b>State of Wisconsin</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$233,860</b>	<b>\$455,000</b>	<b>\$80,026</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>	<b>\$1,800</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,160,686</b>

**Estimated Damage to Homes and Businesses**

County	# of Homes Damaged by Type				# of Business Damaged by Type		
	Affected	Minor	Major	Destroyed	Minor	Major	Destroyed
Dodge			5				
Kewaunee	1						
La Crosse	65						
Lafayette	10						
Manitowoc	500	10	5				
Ozaukee		15			2		
Portage		4					
Trempealeau	45	18			10	2	
<b>State of Wisconsin</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

## **COUNTY/TRIBAL STATUS REPORTS – As of March 19 5:00 pm**

### **East Central**

#### **Brown County:**

Only two county roads remain closed from culvert washouts, but should be repaired by end of week. The Red Cross shelter had 15 residents in the shelter Monday night and is working to either move residents to a hotel or find new housing. Residents continue to gain access to their homes as cleanup has started. Municipalities that have been affected by the flood are setting up collection sites for debris as well as adding more bulk pick up to collect debris. Damage assessment in the communities will continue.

#### **Calumet County:**

Sections of four roads remain closed. CTH E in the Village of Stockbridge remains closed between Lake Shore Drive and Military Road due to flood damage. Sections of three other local roads remain closed due to either water inundation and/or damage: North Mark, Lemke/Aebischer & Long Road). Long Road in the Town of Stockbridge will likely be closed for 2-3 weeks.

#### **Green Lake County:**

Flooding is ongoing in the City of Berlin and a few homes and streets are affected. Everyone affected is still able to remain in their homes. Sandbags have been placed in appropriate spots to anticipate the rising Fox River. City of Berlin has a sandbag fill site at the Public Works Garage. The Berlin Fire Department assisted residences with health issues that were unable to fill and place the bags.

#### **Manitowoc County:**

The rivers are being monitored for ice jams. An ice jam occurred Sunday evening in Manitowoc Rapids, near Mill Rd, that has caused approximately 3-4 homes to flood on Mill Rd. Residents have either voluntarily left or are staying to pump water out of basements. Significant amounts of ice remain on the West Twin River north of the Shoto Dam and there is a high likelihood of ice jams in the coming days. Residents who were evacuated near the Shoto Dam on Friday have all returned home and roads have all re-opened. Residents are now cleaning up the flood damage and filing claims with flood insurance providers.

#### **Sheboygan County:**

The ice dams continue to be an issue along the low-lying areas of the Sheboygan River in the area initially affected this past week. Flood waters are receding due to the sunny weather and no precipitation. It is unclear what the warming weather will bring and whether the dams will clear or the water will rise from continuing snow melt. So far, the conditions are improving. Notifications will be made to the U.S. Coast Guard station regarding impending debris entering the harbor and throughout the river. Businesses in the area are reporting minimal damage and to this point there have been no issues with residences that have been reported. Roadways are being opened slowly after silt removal has been accomplished.

### **Northeast Region**

#### **Oconto County:**

Minor flooding has the following roads closed: CTH ZZ to Vashinski Road (Town of Brazeau) and North Park Avenue to Red Cedar Road (City of Oconto). All previously closed roads in the Town of Oconto Falls are now open.

**Portage County:**

Many of the County roads are being reopened. The Village of Plover and City of Park Ridge have reported that the water has started to go down and roads are starting to open back up.

**Northwest Region****Polk County:**

In the Village of Clear Lake, a breach in a sewer line over-burdened the system causing raw sewage to back up in approximately eight homes. 82nd Avenue in the Town of Osceola is partially closed due to isolated flooding. Residents in the area of the road closure have (or have had) water in their homes. The American Red Cross will be providing clean up kits to all of the affected homeowners.

**Southeast Region****Jefferson County:**

Blackhawk Island Road by Lake Koshkonong has water is close to homes, but not in them.

**Southwest Region****Columbia County:**

All City of Columbus residents have returned to their homes. The City of Lodi, 7 full-time residents have been displaced from their homes along Crystal Lake and are staying with family and friends. Village of Pardeville continues to work on the erosion issue of Park Lake downstream from the dam on the Fox River.

**Green County:**

Residents are beginning to report damages: 4 major, 2 affected. A diesel repair business and home are cut off. They are located on West Martintown road. More roads have opened in the Albany area, but the water is still too high in the Martintown area.

**Lafayette County:**

Current Road closures:

CTH D and CTH N north of South Wayne, but the highway department is repairing the shoulders. CTH M south of Woodford into Green Co is closed, with water still on the road in Green Co. Walnut Road

**West Central****Jackson County:**

CTH VV, Blair Road, and Hawk Island Road have been closed due to water over the road.

**La Crosse County:**

Neshonoc Dam in West Salem remains at the YELLOW ALERT level. All roads in La Crosse County that had been closed due to high water are open.

**Trempealeau County:**

Water levels are receding throughout the county. Response efforts continue in the Towns of Caledonia, Dodge and Trempealeau. All roads in the county have reopened with the exception of CTH J in downtown Dodge. That road is expected to reopen when the roadway can be examined for damage. All municipalities are cautioned to be prepared for worsening conditions when rising temperatures accelerate melting of remaining snow pack.

## **STATE AGENCY RESPONSE**

### **WI Department of Natural Resources:**

Is providing inspection/technical evaluation of the Glen Haven Levee in Grant County

### **WI Emergency Management:**

Drone images and videos from the flooding can be found here: <https://arcg.is/1iSXzD>.

### **Wisconsin State Patrol**

Current road closures on state highways are available on [511wi.gov](http://511wi.gov)

## **VOLUNTEER AGENCY (VOAD) RESPONSE**

### **Red Cross:**

American Red Cross has opened a total of 5 shelters for this event, providing 156 overnight stays. The Red Cross continues to manage 2 open shelters (FLD and Brown Co). In addition, they have provided 710 meals, 490 snacks, 424 clean up kits, and 453 other bulk items. These items have been provided to a total of 417 homes. Damage assessment teams continue to assess impacts, and have opened 27 cases, assisting 81 people.

### **2-1-1 Wisconsin:**

211 Wisconsin is collecting damage reports and referring callers to available disaster resources on behalf of the following counties: Fond du Lac, Outagamie, Marathon, Portage, Adams, Jackson, Trempealeau, Monroe, Vernon, Buffalo, and La Crosse.

### **Team Rubicon:**

Team Rubicon is developing a plan to address Brown and Fond du Lac Counties unmet needs to assist flood victims. They hope to be on site March 20.

## **WEATHER UPDATE**

There is a chance for light snow showers in northern Wisconsin Wednesday morning, before mixing with and changing to rain showers. Snow and rain accumulations will be minimal. Chances for rain showers are expected Wednesday in southern Wisconsin. Again, rainfall amounts will be small. Dry conditions are then forecast from Wednesday night into Saturday night. Rain chances return Sunday, but again any rainfall amounts will be small.

High temperatures Wednesday will be in the lower to middle 40s in northern Wisconsin, and in the upper 40s in southern Wisconsin. Highs Thursday will be in the middle to upper 40s statewide. Friday will bring middle to upper 30s in northeast Wisconsin, to the middle to upper 40s in southern and western Wisconsin. Highs will be in the upper 40s to lower 50s Saturday and Sunday statewide.

Low temperatures Wednesday into Thursday night will generally be in the 20s in northern and central Wisconsin, with lower 30s in southern Wisconsin. Lows Friday night will be in the teens in northern Wisconsin, to the 20s in southern Wisconsin. Lows Saturday night and Sunday night will generally be in the 20s in northern Wisconsin, with upper 20s to middle 30s in southern Wisconsin.

## **RIVER FLOODING**

An ice jam south of Dodge, WI caused the Trempealeau River at Dodge to climb above their record flood

set back on September 25, 2010. This ice jam could potentially last for at least the next 24 hours, if not longer. The river is expected to remain at moderate flood stage into at least early next week. Ice jams continue along the Sheboygan River near Sheboygan and the Milwaukee River in Ozaukee County and northern Milwaukee County. The flooding on the Milwaukee River at Waubesa has subsided, but an observer reported ice beginning to build up just upstream of the Saukville river gauge (Mill Rd). Rapid fluctuations are possible over the next couple of days at these river gauge sites, due to the ice jams. Flooding impacts at the Crawfish River at Columbus have subsided. The river has fallen below flood stage.

**Flood Category Updates:**

Major flooding: All rivers have dropped below major flood stage (at the gauges).

Moderate flooding continues for the Trempealeau River at Dodge, Fox River (North), Manitowoc River and parts of the Pecatonica, Rock, Crawfish and Milwaukee Rivers.

Minor flooding continues along parts of the Kickapoo, Black, Mississippi, Wolf, Baraboo, Rock, Sheboygan, Fox (South) and Sugar Rivers.

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