



INCIDENT REPORT

Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center

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

Contact: Tod Pritchard Cell: 608-219-4008

Storm Update 2 / September 22, 2016 / 6 p.m.

Overview- Governor Scott Walker has declared a State of Emergency in 13 counties after heavy rains created flash flooding conditions across western Wisconsin. The State of Emergency includes Buffalo, Chippewa, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Eau Claire, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Richland, Sauk, Trempealeau and Vernon County. Flash Flood Watches and Flood Warnings continue throughout the region. A break in the rain this afternoon is helping the situation. Even though more rain is expected after midnight, amounts are expected to be well under ½ inch. Here is the latest update by county:

Clark County

- Clark County declared a State of Emergency
- Town of Lynn and Town of Reseburg both declared a local State of Emergency
- The Red Cross is sending 100 clean-up kits to the county
- Red Cross is also compiling residential damages on behalf of Clark County. Residents with damage are urged to call 877-618-6628. Residents unable to leave their property due to driveway damage are urged to call the Clark County Sheriff's office at 715-743-3157

Columbia County

- WIS Highway 127 between Portage and Wisconsin Dells closed
- Baraboo River reaching minor flood stage and will crest just under moderate flood stage on Monday
- Wisconsin River at Portage is forecast to crest at moderate flood stage Saturday. This flooding will impact the Blackhawk Park area
- The Red Cross delivered 20 clean-up kits to Columbia County Emergency Management

Crawford County

- Crawford County declared a State of Emergency this morning
- Clean-up continues after a BNSF train derailed near Ferryville due to a track washout at 5:40am today:
 - Five cars and two locomotive engines derailed.
 - One of two engines leaked approximately 1000 gallons of fuel.
 - BNSF crews placed booms on the Mississippi River to contain the fuel that spilled into the water.
 - No one was injured
- Several homes along Main Street in the Gays Mills area were evacuated due to flooding. Those residents are staying with family and friends
- Department of Corrections strike team filled sandbags at the Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution
- Road closures include:
 - WIS Highway 131, Soldiers Grove
 - WIS Highway 131, Gays Mills

- WIS Highway 171, Gays Mills
- WIS Highway 171, east of Gays Mills

Jackson County

- Jackson County declared a State of Emergency this morning
- The Hatfield Hydroelectric Dam located on the Black River has declared a YELLOW ALERT. This means the dam is being monitored by not at immediate risk of failure
- The Black River Dam suffered a damaged flood gate after it was hit by debris and is being monitored. The dam is not at immediate risk of failure at this time

La Crosse County

- Village of Bangor has declared a local state of emergency due to flooding
- The Neshonoc Dam on the La Crosse River near West Salem is at YELLOW ALERT and is being monitored. The dam is not at immediate risk of failure at this time

Richland County

- Richland County issued a Disaster Proclamation today
- A shelter is now open at the Richland Center Community and Senior Center at 1050 North Orange Street
- Officials at Richland Hills Elder Center are monitoring the nearby Pine River for flooding that could impact that facility.
- The Red Cross is delivering 100 clean-up kits to the county
- Road closures include:
 - WIS Highway 56, east of Viola
 - WIS Highway 131, Viola
 - WIS 80, Rockbridge to Hub City

Sauk County

- Red Cross delivered 50 clean-up kits to Sauk County Emergency Management
- A Department of Corrections strike team made up of inmates filled sandbags around the La Valle Telephone Cooperative
- Another strike team went to West Baraboo to help fill sandbags for use in Rock Springs

Vernon County

- Vernon County issued a Local Disaster Declaration this morning
- Authorities recovered the body of 53 year old Michael McDonald this afternoon. McDonald was killed when his home slid onto Highway 35 south of County Highway UU near Victory due to a mudslide just before 5 a.m.
- 15 individuals evacuated to the De Soto Community Center were able to return to their homes this afternoon
- Road closures include:
 - WIS Highway 35, County UU, Victory
 - WIS Highway 131, Viola
 - WIS Highway 131/56, LaFarge
 - WIS Highway 162, Chaseburg

The State Emergency Operations Center remains elevated to Level 3 with Wisconsin Emergency Management, Wisconsin National Guard, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Wisconsin Department of Health Services. WEM Regional offices remain on scene working with county emergency management agencies.

Press releases and other information on this incident can be found at <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>.

Updates are also located at ReadyWisconsin on Facebook (www.facebook.com/readywisconsin), Twitter (www.twitter.com/readywisconsin), and Instagram (www.instagram.com/readywisconsin).