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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON SEVERE WEATHER

OVERVIEW – A series of severe thunderstorms have been moving across southwestern Wisconsin this evening, resulting in heavy rains, flash flooding, large hail, and wind damage. There are also tornado watches and warnings for parts of the state. The State Emergency Operations Center is partially activated to monitor the storms and provide any assistance if needed.

Below are storm damage reports as of 8:00 p.m.

Lafayette County – Lafayette County has experienced heavy rain and baseball size hail in parts of the county. Emergency Management officials are reporting damage to five barns and sheds and one home. No reports of injuries. There have been no requests for assistance.

Grant County – Grant County Emergency Management reports they have received over 3” of rain which has caused flood damage in southern and central Grant County. Many secondary roads are washed out and the streams are full. Highway 151 was closed for a short time. There may possibly be some damage to bridges. Several people may be stranded due to washed out roads. Emergency responders are checking on these people. There are also reports of downed power lines and trees. Grant County expects to activate their emergency operations center soon and will begin damage assessment with the effected townships. The City of Platteville has had 3” of rain, hail up to tennis ball size, winds 50 to 60 mph. No reports of injuries.

Crawford County – Crawford County Emergency Management reports a mud slide occurred earlier on Highway 35 closing the highway and causing a few cars to be stranded. Motorists were rescued and there were no reports of injuries. Highway 35 is now open with one lane. They have received between 3” to 5” of rain.

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