



# Situation Report

## Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center

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TO: Governor Walker  
FROM: Brian Satula, WEM Administrator  
DATE: May 24, 2011, 3:30 pm  
RE: Tornado & Severe Storms #5

Local and county officials continue to conduct damage assessments following Sunday's tornadoes and severe storms. Earlier estimates show nearly \$15 million in damage to the private sector which includes nearly 300 homes damaged and 16 destroyed along with 16 businesses damaged and 8 destroyed. Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) estimates that at least 85% of the damage will be covered by private insurance.

Yesterday, Governor Walker toured the LaCrosse area offering state support. The State Disaster Fund is available to help local governments recover some of their costs associated with response and recovery efforts. The state contributes 70% of the costs, with the local government applicant contributing the remaining 30%. The fund does not cover losses suffered by individuals, businesses or the agricultural sector, or those that should have been covered by insurance.

It is unlikely that the areas impacted would qualify for federal disaster assistance. Under federal guidance, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) considers the number of structures that are uninsured. Federal disaster assistance programs do not duplicate insurance proceeds and are not intended to make a person whole. Wisconsin does not have enough uninsured primary residences that had major damage or were destroyed.

In addition, costs to local governments for debris removal, emergency response measures and repairs to damaged public infrastructure is \$251,000. In order to qualify for federal disaster assistance, state and local capabilities need to be exhausted. Wisconsin state and local government losses would need to reach a FEMA threshold of \$7.3 million.

There have been no new requests for state assistance at this time.

Below are the latest disaster situation reports from county emergency management offices.

<b>DAMAGE TO HOMES</b>					
<b>County</b>	<b>Affected</b>	<b>Minor</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Destroyed</b>	<b>\$ Amount</b>
Lacrosse	0	97	28	9	\$5,860,000
Monroe	75	25	4	6	Not Provided
Portage	8	0	1	0	\$163,200
Wood	24	16	7	1	\$1,000,000
Juneau	4	2	2		\$200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$7,223,200</b>

*\*Most of damage covered by private insurance*

<b>DAMAGE TO BUSINESSES</b>				
<b>County</b>	<b>Minor</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Destroyed</b>	<b>\$ Amount</b>
LaCrosse		9		\$3,600,000
Monroe		3		
Portage	0	4	7	2,425,000
Wood				
Juneau			1	\$2,000,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$8,025,000</b>

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<b>DAMAGE AND COSTS TO PUBLIC SECTOR (LOCAL GOVERNMENT)</b>								
<b>County</b>	<b>A - Debris Removal</b>	<b>B - Emerg. Protective Measures</b>	<b>C - Roads</b>	<b>D - Water Facilities</b>	<b>E - Public Buildings</b>	<b>F - Utilities</b>	<b>G - Parks</b>	<b>Total</b>
LaCrosse	\$20,000	\$10,000						\$30,000
Monroe		\$1,200						\$1,200
Portage	\$5,000	\$1,000			\$20,000			\$26,000
Wood	\$10,000	\$9,500						\$19,500
Juneau	\$25,000					\$150,000		\$175,000
<b>Total</b>								<b>\$251,700</b>

As of 2:30 p.m., the National Weather Service (NWS) has confirmed 5 tornadoes, including two EF2. NWS survey crews continue to look at storm damage to determine if there were other tornadoes or if damage was caused by straight line winds.

The NWS reports that one of the longest tornadoes in Wisconsin's recorded history occurred on Sunday. A tornado spun up in Monroe County northwest of Tomah, and moved northeast into southern Wood County and traveled through the area south of Wisconsin Rapids and then into southern Portage County. The tornado ended about 9 miles southeast of Plover.

County	City/Town	Estimated Time	Path Length	Max Width	EF Rating
LaCrosse	LaCrosse	4:23 pm to 4:27 pm	2.3 miles	150 yards	EF2
Monroe	1.5 miles W Sparta to 2 SE Sparta	4:55 pm to 5:00 pm	2 miles	70 yards	EF1
Monroe-Juneau-Wood Counties	4 miles NW Tomah to 3 SW Nekoosa	5:15 pm to 6:05 pm	37 miles	800 yards	EF2
Green Lake	2 miles S Kingston	7:45 pm - 7:46 pm	1/10 of a mile	30 yards	EF0
Green Lake	Near Markesan	7:50 pm to 7:57 pm	4.7 miles	50 yards	EF0

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