



Situation Report

Latest Information on Severe Storms

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Weather Update – A powerful line of severe storms rolled across southern Wisconsin during the late evening and early morning hours of June 16-17, 2014. For the most part, the line generated strong, straight-lined wind and heavy rain. The National Weather Service radar indicated a pronounced rotation over northern Lafayette and southern Iowa counties around 11pm. Meteorologists believe it was at this point a tornado may have first touched down in the Mineral Point area, lifted and touched down multiple times between New Glarus and Verona which likely lasted from 12:05am to 12:13am. Crews from the National Weather Service are in those areas today to do a storm survey and confirm the tornado.

Storm Damage – Here is a summary of the damage.

Platteville: Five people were injured by flying glass when the storm blew out windows in homes around Platteville. One victim was taken to a local hospital for treatment. UW Platteville is closed today. Officials say several campus buildings have extensive structural damage.

Verona: At least 19 homes are damaged and uninhabitable with 150 other homes suffering minor damage. There's also extensive damage to Country View Elementary where a wall partially collapsed. The Salvation Army established an emergency shelter at Memorial Baptist Church. Three families are currently using that shelter. The Red Cross assisted two other families with housing and other emergency needs.

Madison: At least 16 homes suffered severe damage on the southwest side and the near east side.

Green County: Several barns were blown down and homes damaged in York Township which is in the northern part of the county. Many trees and power lines are down in Juda and Brodhead

Power Outages – Here is a summary of the outages.

- MG&E – 1,732 customers in and near Verona and Madison.
- Alliant Energy: WPL-Northeast 27; WPL-North Central 579; WPL-South 6,326. Total 6,932.
- During the Dane County EOC call at 08:00 a.m., Alliant reported there are sixty (60) distribution poles and fifteen (15) transmission poles reported down between Platteville and Verona. They anticipate this to cause some extended outages.
- Wisconsin Public Service: 544 Customers throughout the northeast and North Central Regions.
- Xcel Energy: 44 customers in Southwestern and Western Wisconsin.
- WE Energies: 1,073 customers near the Fox Valley and Southeastern Wisconsin.

Total customers without power stands at about 10,000.

Governor Walker – The Governor is touring this morning and is holding a news conference at 11:45am at Platteville High School.

Looking Ahead – The Storm Forecast Center continues to have most of Wisconsin at a "slight" risk for more severe weather today with the most danger in the late evening of Tuesday and early morning Wednesday. Wisconsin Emergency Management has received no requests for assistance but will stay in contact with our county and tribal emergency management partners across the state.