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**DATE:** August 7, 2013 4:00 p.m.  
**TO:** Governor Scott Walker  
**FROM:** Brian M. Satula, WEM Administrator  
**SUBJECT:** Situation Report #2 on Storms

**Overview -** Damage assessments and cleanup continue today following a line of storms that caused damage from western Wisconsin to the Fox Valley area overnight. Numerous trees and power lines were down leaving thousands of people without power. The National Weather Service (NWS) was out assessing damage today and will also be out tomorrow to determine if the storms produced tornadoes. However, the NWS reports that in the New London – Hortonville – Appleton area, straight line winds of 100 mph and higher occurred. Officials also say it is possible that there was a tornado. In the Freedom-Wrightstown area, there were straight line winds of 80 mph. The NWS is still assessing whether a tornado hit that area.

Utility crews expect it will take days to restore all power. The Red Cross has opened two shelters at Parkview Elementary in New London and Wrightstown High School in Wrightstown. The most significant damage was reported in the Fox Valley toward New London.

**Brown County** – Brown County Emergency Management assessed storm damage. Officials are reporting 1 home destroyed, 1 with major damage and over 100 homes impacted by the storm. Damage to residential areas is estimated at \$2.1 million. There were also 4 businesses that sustained major damage. Estimated damage amount is \$650,000.

**Clark County** - Clark County continues cleanup efforts from last night's storms. New information received this afternoon includes damage to some buildings in the Town of Withee. Numerous trees were down but crews have cleared the roads.

**Chippewa County** - Two barns and a pole shed were damaged in the storm. The Cornell area was hit with numerous downed trees and power lines.

**Jackson County** - Downed trees and power lines reported throughout the county. Power outages reported in Taylor and Black River Falls. The power outage at Taylor affected the Taylor radio repeater and they were not able to page out Taylor Fire Department last night. Power has been restored and trees are being removed from the roadways. There were no reports of residential damages.

**Outagamie County** –Earlier in the day, the Town of Grand Chute declared a State of Emergency.

**Marinette County** – The Porterfield Town Chairperson and a public works employee were struck by a vehicle while clearing Bagley Road near Highway 64 during the storm. Eugene LaCombe, age 67, died from injuries he sustained during the crash. The other worker sustained injuries but is expected to recover. The matter remains under investigation but officials say heavy rain and wind at the time of the crash along with the glare of headlights were a contributing factor. Alcohol is not believed to be a factor in this incident.

**Monroe County** - Scattered downed trees reported. There was damage to the county-owned building, Rolling Hills. Damage included broken windows and some roof damage.

**Waupaca County** – Officials say an elderly couple received non-life threatening injuries during the storm while staying at the Huckleberry Campground in Fremont.

**Winnebago County** – Town of Wolf River are reporting power outages.

**Wood County** – Officials say a camper was blown over and reports of some roof damage.

**We Energies** - Utility officials say it will be Saturday until power is completely restores. Crews expect to make progress overnight. It has been tough to get crews to the area due to debris in roads. Currently, 48,000 customers are without power. The worst damage is in the Appleton and Hortonville area. A substation at Freedom was heavily damaged. More than 50 poles and 500 wires were down as a result of the storm.

**WPS** - The utility company expects everyone to be back on line tomorrow. Currently, 7,000 customers are without power. More than 100 poles had to be replaced. Most of the power outages are in rural and farm land areas.

Emergency Operations Center remains at level 4. The WEM Administrator, Senior Duty Officer and Duty Officer are engaged with local officials and will continue to monitor the situation.

