

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



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Situation Report Winter Storm Event/High Winds Event February 19, 2009 11 am Final Report UPDATED INFORMATION IN BOLD

SUMMARY

A cold front on January 26th, mixing with Gulf moisture, created hazardous weather conditions. High winds on February 11th caused additional damage in southern Missouri. There have been eight fatalities associated with the storm. Six people were killed in traffic accidents. Two more people died in New Madrid County from carbon monoxide poisoning while operating a generator in their garage. **All shelter activities have ceased. Officials report nearly all power outages have been restored.**

Governor Nixon directed SEMA to activate the State Emergency Operations Center and signed an Executive Order activating the Missouri National Guard for State Emergency Duty. On January 30th, the President approved Gov. Nixon's request for emergency assistance. On February 6th, Governor Nixon sent a letter to the President asking for disaster assistance in 22 impacted counties. Nixon signed Executive Order 09-07, authorizing DNR's Director to waive certain restrictions related to debris disposal, open burning and wastewater, on January 30, 2009 and effective until March 31, 2009. On February 17th, Governor Nixon received a Major Disaster Declaration from the Federal Government covering 20 counties.

Power outages - Utilities:

Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives –Power is fully restored with minor exceptions.

Missouri Public Utilities Alliance – Power is fully restored in Kennett, with minor exceptions.

Counties/Cities Reports:

Dunklin County – Officials report power has been fully restored to all cities. All Boil Water Orders have been lifted. All schools are now open.

New Madrid County – Officials report a 59-year-old woman and a 15-year-old girl died from carbon monoxide poisoning from running a generator in the garage at their house. Officials report schools are back in session.

Pemiscot County – All schools are back in session. **Officials report nearly all power is restored.**

Stoddard County – All schools are back in session. **Officials report nearly all power outages is restored.**

State Agencies:

ESF-1 Transportation - Returning to normal operations.

ESF-2 Communications – Returning to normal operations.

ESF-3 Public Works – DNR/Water is working to assist local jurisdictions with their water utility system issues. They have issued information on disinfecting water and sending water flushing/boiling guidance to southeast Missouri schools.

ESF-4/9 Fire/Search and Rescue - Returning to normal operations.

ESF-5 Emergency Management - **SEMA is at level-one activation and will operate the State EOC from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Mon-Fri.**

ESF-6 Human Services - Department of Social Services and partners -- American Red Cross, Salvation Army, AmeriCorps, United Way 211, Humane Society and others -- are continuing to serve several communities in the affected area. All shelter activities have ceased. The Multi-Agency Resource Centers (MARC)s registered more than 2,069 people.

ESF-7 Logistics – As generators are being freed up, they are being reassigned or returned.

ESF- 8 Public Health – Returning to normal operations.

ESF-10 Hazardous Materials – Returning to normal operations.

ESF-11 Agriculture – Returning to normal operations.

ESF-12 Energy – Returning to normal operations.

ESF-13 Public Safety – Returning to normal operations.

ESF-14 Long Term Recovery – DNR/Parks mobilized crews into New Madrid and Mississippi Counties to begin restoration/recovery efforts at one historical site and one state park. Both locations were damaged in the storm and are without power.

ESF-15 Public Affairs – Returning to normal operations.

ESF-16 Missouri National Guard – Returning to normal operations.

ESF-17 Animal Welfare – A Humane Society of Missouri survey team is in southeast Missouri to assist local jurisdictions. 196 animals rescued to date. Most of the animals have been returned to their owners. A few others are still being cared for until power has been restored to homes of their owners.

Volunteer Agencies:

United Way – 211 – Requests are coming in for replacement food funding and cleanup assistance, electrical weather head, food, water, and home damage should call United Way 211. They have received over 870 plus calls to date.

American Red Cross – Assisting where requested at this time.

AmeriCorps Volunteers – They are standing by for requests and assisting where needed with approximately **2 AmeriCorps Volunteers** working this disaster throughout the area.

Salvation Army – The Salvation Army is assisting with on-going requests, and provided support to the Multi-Agency Resource Centers.

Weather:

North Missouri: Today, sunny, with high of 31. Northwest wind between 7 and 13 mph. Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 17. Friday: A slight chance of rain and snow after noon, with a high near 42. South wind 5 to 8 mph. Friday night, chance of rain and snow before midnight, low around 20. Wind from north northwest 7 to 10 mph increasing to 22 - 25 mph. Saturday, partly sunny, with a high near 28. Blustery, north wind between 11 and 21 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Southern Missouri:** Today, sunny, with a high near 37. Northwest wind 8 - 14 mph, gusts as high as 26 mph. Tonight, mostly clear, low around 19. Northwest wind at 7 mph Friday, mostly sunny, with a high near 52. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. Friday Night, a chance of rain before midnight, then a chance of rain and snow. Low around 29. Wind 10 to 13 mph becoming northwest, and could gust as high as 25 mph. Saturday, partly sunny, with a high near 34. North wind between 10 and 13 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Point of Contact:

The State Emergency Management Agency can be contacted at 573-526-9100 from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Emergency calls after hours can be made to the Duty Officer at 573-751-2748.