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Tornadoes Hit Stanton, Cuming and Wayne Counties

Several northeast Nebraska communities have been affected by tornadoes and high winds this evening, leaving areas with severe damage. Emergency responders are working in Pilger, Wisner and Stanton conducting searches for people trapped under debris.

Nebraska Emergency Management Agency has had reports of damage from local emergency managers in both Cuming and Wayne Counties.

The State Emergency Operations Center is activated at NEMA. The Nebraska State Patrol and American Red Cross are working with NEMA staff at the SEOC Nebraska Department of Roads staff in the field.

“We are still in a response mode in these communities,” said Earl Imler, NEMA operations officer. “We are collecting damage reports from local officials on the ground.”

Highway 24 from Norfolk to Stanton, and Highway 275 and 15 in Stanton County, is closed. Motorists are urged to stay off the roadways to allow emergency services to respond.

Nebraska Emergency Management Agency

A team of six Nebraska Emergency Management Agency staff members will arrive Tuesday morning to provide support to the local response. NEMA staff did preliminary damage assessments and worked with local emergency managers on providing assets in the recovery.

Nebraska National Guard

National Guard members will deploy with the NEMA team to assist local responders and begin assist as needed in cleanup activities.

Nebraska State Patrol

The Nebraska State Patrol Mobile Command Post is on standby.

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