

# STATE STATUS REPORT

1 TYPE OF INCIDENT

Severe Thunderstorms with tornados, heavy rain and high winds

2. INCIDENT REPORT DATE:

May 7<sup>th</sup> 2015

3. INCIDENT: (Brief Description of the Incident)

On May 6<sup>th</sup> a line of severe thunderstorms moved into the state causing damages including tornados, high winds and flooding

4. LOCAL RESPONSE (By County):

Adams County: No Incident Status Report submitted but the Emergency Manager has reported 10 homes damaged including 2 destroyed in Roseland from a tornado. No reports of casualties or fatalities. They are in contact with the Red Cross. We have no reports of shelters open and have no requests for state support.

Jefferson County: Activated their Emergency Operations Center (EOC), deployed fire, law enforcement, public works, and rescue. No mutual aid was called. All power outages are restored. No reports of casualties or fatalities. A mandatory evacuation was called at 1115 along the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. That area is now open up to citizens and a voluntary evacuation in in affect as of 1545. There is power but no gas in the evacuation area. A shelter is open at the American Lutheran Church at 12<sup>th</sup> and K streets. 169 homes are in the evacuation area. 110 people were evacuated with 26 in the shelter. We have no requests for State support

Lancaster County: Activated their EOC, deployed law enforcement, fire, rescue and public works. No mutual aid was called. No reports of causalities or fatalities. There is potential damage to storm water and sanitary systems, an assessment is on-going, as is damage assessment to streets. Approx. 40 roads closed in the county. Two bridges are damaged but extent is unknown. Have instituted a voluntary evacuation of the North and South Bottoms neighborhoods. Two Shelters are open, one at the F street Rec Center 1225 F Street (Pet friendly shelter) and one at the Belmont Rec Center 1234 Judson Street (Medical needs evacuation shelter) There are an estimated 2,308 people in the area, no numbers for evacuees registered in either shelter at this time. We have no requests for State Support

Saline County: Activated their EOC deployed fire, law enforcement, public works, and rescue. Saline County Sheriff and Emergency Manager were called into DeWitt for Mutual Aid. No reports of causalities or fatalities. Wilber-Clatonia, Meridian, and Tri County Schools are closed due to the flooding. Other damages will be assessed as the water recedes. The Village of DeWitt is being voluntarily evacuated. One shelter is open at the Tri County School, 3 miles south of DeWitt. All houses in town plus 10 rural homes includes 200 to 300 people, are included in the evacuation. At this time 79 have registered at the shelter. The National Guard was requested by Saline County and approved by NEMA to provide a vehicle to aid in the evacuation where the water is 4 to 5 feet high and to provide soldiers to support manning of the control points into the village.

Thayer County: Activated their EOC deployed fire, law enforcement, public works, and rescue. Hebron Fire Department was called for mutual aid to Deshler. No reports of causalities or fatalities. They evacuated the Nursing Home, an assisted living and seven square blocks of Deshler. 6 homes including 43 persons were evacuated to the school just south of the Nursing Home. The Thayer County EM also reported an empty Union Pacific Coal train derailed just west of Carleton. We have no request for State Support.

5. STATE RESPONSE:

The State EOC was open to level 2 Partial Activation with the following Emergency Support Function Coordinators working from the EOC: NEMA, Military, Dept. of Roads, Dept. of Health and Human Services, and State Patrol. NEMA will staff the SEOC 24 hours through Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Department of Environmental Quality(DEQ): Sent information on correct handling of debris involved and sent applications for community burn permits for trees and brush to the village of Roseland and the Adams County

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EM. Superior, Fairbury, Wilber, Hebron and the Teresa Street Station and Woodlands Hill Golf Course in Lincoln are by passing their waste water treatment systems. Gretna has reported damage to a wastewater line damaged due to a wash-out, they are making emergency repairs. Burlington Northern RR asked for assistance controlling discharges from their holding ponds. The City of Lincoln has asked them to stop discharging to the city. BNRR is asking for a boom to contain oily discharge. NPPD may need to bypass one of their ponds into the Blue River.

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is working with Nursing Homes and the Health District offices in the affected areas of the state on evacuation plans. They are identifying if any wards of the state are included in the evacuations or are in a potential dangerous situation. Looking ahead to the possibility of more flooding due to continued rain, they have identified municipal drinking water systems that may be vulnerable.

Department of Energy(DOE): No pipeline terminals have reported issues.

Department of Roads(DOR): Closed many Federal, and state road due to flooding. Some are reopened. Still closed due to flooding include NE 8 west of Endicott; US 136 in Beatrice; US77 in Beatrice and Lincoln; NE 103 6 miles south to 7 miles north of DeWitt; NE 66 from Saunders County Road A to Furnas Street in Ashland.

Nebraska Emergency Management Agency: Manned the SEOC through the night of May 6<sup>th</sup>. Began the process of calling the 45 counties where either a tornado or flood warning was issues from May 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup> to request damage reports, worked with Emergency Managers and local Incident Commanders in the hardest hit areas to identify needed support from the State. Developed an Incident Action Plan that includes a 24hr staffing plan for the agency through Sunday. Received and answered or re-directed calls from citizens. In coordination with other State PIOs developed and released a daily Media Release. PIO monitored and updated Social Media sites.

Nebraska State Patrol (NSP): Assisting in Roseland, Hardy and Deshler access control. Coordinated with DOR Aviation Support Division activated provided downlink video while flying over affected areas. NSP flew the Governor to view the affected areas.

Voluntary Organizations: the KS/NE Southern Baptists have a "mud-out team" staged in Omaha ready to deploy as needed. The Red Cross is opening and staffing shelters.

### 6. POTENTIAL STATE/FEDERAL INVOLVEMENT:

At this time there is no request for Federal Assistance

### 7. REPORT AUTHOR:

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