

County Of Laclede

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SITUATION REPORT

August 21, 2007 14:00 hours

(New information in italics)

On the morning of August 20, 2007; Laclede County received a large amount of rainfall resulting in massive flooding and damage throughout the county. *The National Weather Service confirmed today that an EF-0 tornado formed over southeastern Laclede County and touched down in western Texas County.*

FATALITIES – 1

A 51 year old man died while driving his vehicle in the 27000 block of Sassafras Drive at approximately 1700 hours. The victim was a mail carrier delivering mail when his vehicle was witnessed being washed off the roadway due to flooding and compromised roadway. After a search of the area, his vehicle was located approximately 1/8 mile downstream, and his body was located approximately 2 miles downstream. (County Commission and EOC Staff)

INJURIES – 0

PUBLIC SAFETY

Numerous water rescues have taken place today and have been reported by public safety agencies to the EOC. At this time, no other details are available. (EOC Staff)

INFRASTRUCTURE

Joel E. Barber School reported flooding / water in the building at approximately 1700 hours, forcing them to cancel events scheduled for this evening. (County Commission)

Joel E. Barber School reported minor damage in the school due to flooding. (EOC Staff)

Gasconade School reported minor damage in the school due to flooding. (EOC Staff)

The Laclede County Emergency Operations Center has sustained minor damage due to water seeping into the EOC. (EOC Staff)

A private dam has failed near the intersection of Delta & United in Southeast Laclede County. The dam failure has caused the intersection of Delta & United Roads to wash out and become impassible. Flooding to a barn in the area was also reported. (Nebo Falcon Fire)

ROADS & BRIDGES

Numerous bridges and culvert systems have failed. Those known roadways that have been compromised and closed are due to system failure, roadway washout, debris, and continued flooding are:

Route 66 west of the Gasconade River (State Rt N) Culvert Removed
21000 Block Shady Drive Culvert Washed
Delta Road off East Highway 32 Culverts Removed
Sassafras Drive Culverts Washed
Delta & United Roadway washed due to Dam Failure
39000 Block United Drive Roadway Washed
Garrett Road off Highway N Flooding
Pacific Drive Flooding
Riley Drive Flooding
Robin Drive Flooding
Julie Drive Flooding
Jewel Drive Flooding
Salem Drive Flooding
Silver Drive Flooding / Debris
Topaz Drive Slab Destroyed
Dawn Rd & Elk Rd Bridge Leaning

***** NOTE: This is a partial list, not a complete list *****

The Laclede County Road and Bridge Department reports that virtually every county road has suffered some damage, some in multiple locations, due to flooding, roadway washout / compromise, culvert washout / compromise, and/or debris.

The Laclede County Road and Bridge Department and Laclede County Commission are still in the process of assessing roadways for damage and

performing emergency repairs. The Laclède County Commission has requested assistance from MODOT to inspect bridges that may have been compromised.

OUTLOOK

The National Weather Service forecast shows no precipitation until Friday evening with a chance for showers and thunderstorms through Saturday evening.

LOCAL ACTIONS

The Laclède County Office of Emergency Management has activated the Emergency Operations Center, and is currently coordinating agencies and resources as needed. The Office of Emergency Management will perform limited damage assessment during the overnight hours. The Laclède County Road and Bridge Department will continue their assessments on Tuesday Morning. The next EOC Agency Briefing will be held on Tuesday, August 21st at 1400 hours at the Emergency Operations Center.

The Laclède County Office of Emergency Management is still tabulating damage reports and conducting damage surveys. The Office of Emergency Management has been in contact with the State Emergency Management Agency regarding a Public Assistance Declaration. The Laclède County Road and Bridge Department and Laclède County Commission are continuing to assess damage to roads and bridges in Laclède County. The County Commission hopes to have a total damage estimate available by the next EOC Briefing. The next EOC Briefing will be held on Wednesday, August 22nd at 1400 hours in the Emergency Operations Center.

