

County Of Laclede

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SITUATION REPORT

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A line of severe thunderstorms, possibly tornadic, moved through Laclede County early this morning. The storms caused numerous damages due to wind and flooding damages. A State of Emergency has been declared in Laclede County.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Laclede County Fire Departments, Laclede County Sheriff's Department, and Conway Police Department have completed initial search of damaged/destroyed residences and all persons are accounted for at this time. No major injuries or fatalities have been reported. One water rescue was performed this morning in the City of Lebanon.

PUBLIC WORKS

Laclede Electric has some sporadic outages remaining in Eastern Laclede County, they are working on isolating sections with damaged homes and restoring service to undamaged properties. Landline telephone service has been restored to the area as well.

Laclede County Road & Bridge, Lebanon Special Road District, and City of Lebanon Public Works are continuing their assessments of damaged roadways. Several roadways and bridges have been compromised due to flooding.

A section of the Burlington Northern Sante Fe Rail Line between Springfield and Rolla has also been compromised north of Lebanon, and is unuseable. BNSF has been notified and is working on repairing the rail line.

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

At this time, estimated 12 homes with major damage/destroyed and 6 large barns damaged or destroyed. Some livestock were killed from being struck by debris or by structural collapse. The Office of Emergency Management has identified a potential storm track and is awaiting a survey team from the National Weather Service. A Civil Air Patrol recon/over flight has been scheduled for late this afternoon to assess damage from the air.

WORKING TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF LACLEDE COUNTY, MISSOURI

HUMAN SERVICES

The Laclede County Chapter of the American Red Cross is working to meet the immediate needs of those affected by the severe weather event by providing meals, lodging and other emergency needs. The Red Cross has opened 8 cases at this time. Red Cross is supporting emergency services personnel through canteening as well. Red Cross is opening a shelter at Ezard Elementary School in Conway which will also be supporting the Webster County sheltering needs.

Civil Air Patrol is assisting residents in the area with debris removal / salvage operations. AmeriCorps also has personnel en route from Springfield to assist in the debris removal / salvage operations.

EOC OPERATIONS

The EOC remains open, and is scheduled to remain open through 8:00 PM this evening.