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August 26, 2011

One Dead, Buildings, Forests Lost in Tornado

Wausaukee Tornado

Clean Up Continues

Wausaukee—Clean up efforts continue around the Village of Wausaukee after an EF1 tornado struck Friday, Aug. 19, between 4:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. It traveled 7.8 miles, had a width of 250 yards and resulted in the death of one person, according to the National Weather Service, Green Bay.

The twister stretched from Long Lake, near the Village of Wausaukee, to the Wisconsin-Michigan border. Hundreds of trees were uprooted, power lines downed leaving over 2,000 customers of WPS without power for several days. It also had hail of nearly 2-inches and created destruction in the towns of Silver Cliff, Pembine and Porterfield.

It was the second tornado to hit the area in 53 years. The first happened on Saturday, May 17, 1958, that was more destructive than Friday's tornado. At that time damage was over \$100,000.

Eric Burmeister, Marinette County Emergency Government Director gave an initial guess estimate of cost of destruction damage at between \$120,000 and \$150,000. This included destruction of structures and forest timber plus cost of responding personnel from many agencies.

Friday's EF1 tornado was rated on the Enhance Fulita Scale with maximum winds estimated at 100 to 105 miles per hour. It flattened a mobile home in the Town of Wausaukee killing Douglas E. Brem who had recently moved to the area and was restoring another mobile home to move into when the roof fell in on him. The twister picked up the trailer, sent it airborne and then set it back upside down, according to reports.

The body of Brem was found in the rubble by Wausaukee Fire and Wausaukee Rescue personnel who had responded immediately to the area. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Coroner George Smith.

No other injuries were reported in the path of the tornado. Several nearby semi trucks at Buck's Recycling were tipped over and parts of trailers torn off. Neighbors and the public immediately responded to help with clean up and burn tree debris in the area under a special permit from the DNR.

About a dozen homes and buildings were damaged in the path of the tornado. Totally destroyed was the home on Long Lake of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Krueger.

The twister also did some damage in the Village of Wausaukee but missed the Fair Grounds. However at the nearby Stumbris Ball Field bleachers were tossed around and light poles snapped. But the annual Marinette



TORNADO SCENE--Marinette County Coroner George Smith is pictured in the remains of the trailer in which Douglas Brem lost his life on Friday, Aug. 19. The trailer had been picked up and set back upside down by the twister.

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County Fair will be held starting on Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 25-28.

The siren in the Village of Wausaukee did not go off because of the suddenness and no advance warning of the storm. Officials remind the public they should not rely on sirens as their only indicator of severe weather. Sirens are outside warning devices. People inside their homes should have other ways of being warned, whether it be a weather radio, or monitoring a TV station that puts out the warnings.

The Village of Crivitz siren was activated when someone spotted the twister.

Responding to the devastated area on Friday were Marinette County Sheriff Jerry Sauve along with deputies, Marinette County Emergency Management Director Eric Burmeister, Marinette County Emergency Management Program Assistant, Kathy Frank, State Patrol, DNR, Marinette County Highway Department, fire departments from Wausaukee and Middle Inlet and the Village and Town of Wausaukee road crews and other units. Residents of the area also responded to help wherever they could.

On Sunday, Aug. 21, Gov. Scott Walker toured the damaged area, talked with local officials at Wausaukee High School and met privately with the family of Brem.

He came by helicopter landing in Wausaukee. Also with him were Brigadier General Donald P. Dunbar, adjutant general of the Wisconsin National Guard; Brian Satula, administrator of Wisconsin Emergency Management and his crisis communication manager, Lori Getter.

Gov. Walker promised that resources of the state would be available to the area if they are needed.

A preliminary assessment of damage done by the tornado by Emergency Management indicates there was not enough damage to meet the threshold for federal government aid. However, funds could be available from the Wisconsin Disaster Fund to help municipalities to offset costs for protection measures and debris cleanup.

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08-17-2011	Community - Wausaukee	Wausaukee Legion, Unit Plan Fair Food Booths
08-17-2011	Community - Crivitz	Brownfields Meet Aug. 23
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08-10-2011	Sports	Post Top Times At Waterfront Run
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