



Minnesota Department of Public Safety
Division of Homeland Security and
Emergency Management



2014-MN-006: High Precipitation Storms - June 2014

Situation Report

Subject: Situation Report #7 - June 23, 2014

Reporting Period: 06/22/2014 12:00 - 06/23/2014 11:59

Background / Current Situation

Background

The previous twelve days have seen significant precipitation fall throughout portions the state. Beginning June 11, a high precipitation weather system crossed the state causing localized flooding due to stream, river and lake rises coupled with saturated soils. Koochiching and Rock counties began reporting flooding, but experienced little infrastructure damage early in the period.

As rains continued, and waters continued to rise, roads and wastewater systems were flooded in larger areas of north-central MN and southwest MN. Storms continued bringing torrential or steady heavy rains to the same areas from June 11 to June 19, affecting the Twin Cities Metro, northwest Minnesota, and southern Minnesota. County, state and federal roadways have been closed, numerous drinking water and wastewater systems have been impacted, power outages impacting over 100,000 people, and other infrastructure damages have been reported.

More widespread flooding issues for local communities, counties and state agency partners are beginning to arise. Flood warnings are posted for numerous areas.

Severe weather, including heavy rain, occurred again this last Sunday to Monday morning in central and southern Minnesota, but rainfall amounts were less than the maximum models. In addition, crop damage has occurred from large hail, damaging winds and the heavy rains during this continuing time-frame.

Governor Mark Dayton issued Governor's Executive Order 14-11, "Declaring a State of Peacetime Emergency in the State of Minnesota" declaring a state of emergency in 35 Minnesota counties.

Current Situation

- The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) moved to Level II: Full Activation on Thursday, June 19 at 8:00 a.m. A State Agency Briefing was held at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- The SEOC has remained open over the weekend with limited staffing. SEOC partners were not required to be in the SEOC over the weekend. However, both Situation Reports and Incident Action Plans were submitted each day according to the normal schedule. Partners are monitoring DisasterLAN. SEOC hours remained the same as normal operations.

Operations Section Chief

Agency Summary

On June 16, 2014, the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) moved to Activation Level II: Full State Activation in response to the severe storms and continuing high precipitation that has impacted the entire state. SEOC operational hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The incident officially began on June 11th, 2014.

Command and General Staff assignments for Monday, June 23:

- Governor's Authorized Representative (GAR): Kris Eide
- State Incident Manager: Kevin Reed
- Operations Chief: Kari Goelz
- Logistics Chief: Cassie Calametti
- Planning Chief: Angie Pommerening
- External Affairs / Lead PIO: Julie Anderson

The main impacts are being seen in southeastern MN (HSEM Region 1), northeastern MN (HSEM Region 2), northwestern MN (HSEM Region 3), southwestern MN (HSEM Region 5) and the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area (HSEM Region 6). Impacts include areal and riverine flooding, mudslides, crop damage, wind and hail damage.

The Operations Section continues to coordinate with the Regional Program Coordinators in gathering damage information from local jurisdictions and maintaining situational awareness for SEOC partners.

Logistics Section Chief

Agency Summary

- The portable message board request from Ramsey County was forwarded to MNDOT.
- Logistics continues to monitor currently deployed resources and requests in process.

SEOC Volunteer Resource Coordinator

Agency Summary

- Voluntary agencies continue to provide a wide variety of assistance in all areas affected by recent storms.
- The Southwest Minnesota Cattleman's Association is providing feed for displaced cattle. The MN Horse Council is standing by to provide additional feed if necessary. Mennonite Disaster Services will assist with repair of pasture fences in the area beginning Monday in Rock County.
- Catholic United Response, NECHAMA, Jewish Response to Disaster and International Orthodox Christian Church volunteers and staff continue to provide clean-up assistance in the Rock County area. They are also assessing needs in Pipestone County.
- The Salvation Army and American Red Cross (ARC) continue feeding, as well as distribution of clean up kits and other support in the International Falls Area.
- Several voluntary agencies including the ARC, the Salvation Army and Adventist Community Services are providing clean up kits to communities all across the state.
- HSEM Voluntary agency coordination conference calls are scheduled for 1:00 PM daily until further notice.

HSEM - External Affairs and Public Information Officer

Agency Summary

- External Affairs distributed Situation Report #6 to congressional staff members statewide.
- The Public Information Officer updated the SEOC website to reflect activity over the weekend.
- The FEMA External Affairs officer maintains an active presence in the SEOC and assisted the state with

American Red Cross

Agency Summary

In the tenth day of response:

- American Red Cross (ARC) of Southern MN reports they have opened 7 flood-related cases to date (LeSueur County, Redwood County).
- ARC of Northern MN has opened 3 flood-related cases (Dakota County, Ramsey County.)
- No shelters have been activated and are available if needed.
- ARC has distributed 124 clean-up kits (Blue Earth County, Brown County, Sibley County), with additional available as needed.
- ARC of Northern MN in cooperation with Salvation Army, is providing hydration and feeding for responders and volunteers in Koochiching County. Two Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs) have responded to Koochiching County activities; one remains active.

MN Department of Agriculture

Agency Summary

- MDA field staff continue to do normal inspections. Inspectors are checking with the firms and facilities they monitor and reporting any issues.
- Nothing new to report at this time.

MN Department of Commerce

Agency Summary

This report remains essentially the same as the Sunday report for Commerce.

- Utility outages and restoration efforts continue and are constantly changing in various regions of the state with each severe weather event.
- Power outage and restoration reports received from the Investor Owned Utilities (IOU's) have diminished over the past few days with the reduction in the severe weather events, however there have been reports of power outages due to downed poles and wires related to mud slides. Utility companies across the state work together to safely restore power as quickly and efficiently as conditions permit.
- The Department of Commerce's Consumer Services Center (CSC) is available to help consumers with questions, concerns, or complaints following a damaging storm, flood, or tornado. CSC staff help consumers understand their rights, work with their insurer to settle a claim, and help Minnesotans make informed insurance decisions after a flood or storm damages their home, auto, or property. The CSC has prepared and printed information packets for distribution to communities and consumers impacted by severe storms.

MN Department of Corrections

Agency Summary

This Agency has nothing new to report for this Reporting Period.

MN Department of Education

Agency Summary

- MN Department of Education (MDE) facilities staff are maintaining contact with the school districts located

within impacted counties to collect damage information as it becomes available.

- The Faribault Academies report that a large tree was blown over and there was some minor flooding in the sub-basement of Tate Hall.

Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board

Agency Summary

- EMSRB Staff are continuing to monitor situation and are in contact with EMS providers in affected areas.
- EMSRB has contacted and updated the EMS Multi-Agency Coordination (EMS-MAC) Team. The EMS-MAC is ready and available to coordinate and assist with any EMS requests for assistance that may occur during this event.

MN Department of Employment and Economic Development

Agency Summary

- DEED is continuing to monitor weather impacts to ensure DEED locations remain stable. Also continuing to monitor changes to situation report forecasts in impacted areas over the next several days.

MN Department of Health

Agency Summary

- The Boil Water Advisory for the city of Vesta has been lifted. All water samples collected on Friday were found free of coliform bacteria and had a satisfactory chlorine residual.
- Koochiching County EOC reported a sewer pipeline break contaminating flood waters with potential exposure to the public and put in a request for public health messages. MDH staff in the Koochiching area are assessing the impact on private and public water supplies and collecting well water samples as needed and as requested by Tom Morris, Koochiching Assistant Land Commissioner.

MN Department of Human Services

Agency Summary

This Agency has nothing new to report for this Reporting Period.

MN Department of Labor and Industry

Agency Summary

This Agency has nothing new to report for this Reporting Period.

MN National Guard

Agency Summary

1-94 CAV International Falls:

- Unit continued supporting sandbagging operations throughout Koochiching County.
- Unit was notified of a low concentration of e. coli in an approximately 500 square meter area in the 3400 block, along County Highway 46. The presence was attributed to a sewer break in the area due to flooding of a 30-foot-wide creek. The flood waters created by this creek began to backfill residences along the shore and contributed to flooding from the lake. The unit coordinated with county health, fire department, and Red Cross to develop and implement control measures.
- The sheriff communicated to the unit during the 1630 June 22 meeting that he would be able to determine his

time and date of exit strategy by 1200 hours for the June 23 meeting.

2-135 Infantry Henderson:

- Unit completed. Levee and flowage area watch was completed for the night with no incidents. Unit will start again at 1800 hours.

MN Department of Natural Resources

Agency Summary

- DNR continues to assess sites for damages and conduct minor repairs to infrastructure.

MN Office of Pipeline Safety

Agency Summary

This Agency has nothing new to report for this Reporting Period.

MN Pollution Control Agency

Agency Summary

- MPCA staff members are advising wastewater operators.
- MPCA staff will be assisting operators to return to normal treatment operations when flooding abates.
- Solid waste staff are conferring with the county solid waste administrators to advise and assist on debris collection from flooded homes.
- MPCA is standing by for any reports of floated basement fuel tanks or debris assistance requests.
- MPCA flood debris and cleanup "toolkit for local government officials" webpage has been activated. MPCA webpages on debris and cleanup advice for homeowners have been activated.

The Salvation Army

Agency Summary

Koochiching County

- Feeding - June 22
- 163 prepared meals (hot & cold)
- 95 snacks (donuts, cakes, chips)
- 255 drinks (coffee, water, sports drinks)
- Served in support of sandbagging operations.

Le Sueur County

- Feeding - June 22
- 231 prepared meals
- 218 snacks
- 522 drinks
- Served in support of sandbagging operations.

MN State Fire Marshal

Agency Summary

This Agency has nothing new to report for this Reporting Period.

MN State Patrol

Agency Summary

Reporting from MSP Mankato District:

- Several highways in the district remain closed or were closed last night due to rising waters. Troopers were involved in the initial shutdowns of the highways, but nothing time consuming over the weekend.
- A few crashes related to water on the roadway and hydroplaning were handled in the last few days.

Highways CLOSED from last week include:

- Hwy 19 Henderson to Hwy 169 (closed June 19)
- Hwy 93 Henderson to Hwy 169 (closed June 19)
- Hwy 93 from Highway 169 to LeSueur (closed June 21 a.m.)
- Hwy 99 East at St. Peter near Minnesota River Bridge (closed June 22 a.m.)

Highways CLOSED at 2000 hours on 6-22-14

- Hwy 169 from Mankato to Le Sueur.
- Hwy 22 Mankato to St. Peter.

No reports from MSP Districts in Marshall, Rochester or Virginia of any Flood Related activities.

MN Department of Transportation - SEOC

Agency Summary

- Received a request from the Ramsey County EOC on behalf of the City of St. Paul, for 3 portable message boards. MnDOT is currently sourcing the request.
- MnDOT is in a continuous process of keeping the emergency road closure applications up to date. Please visit 511mn.org if you are unable to access the DLAN COP viewer for the most current road closures or advisories.
- The last truck hauling concrete barriers at the request of the City of Warroad has been loaded. Thus far MnDOT has loaded and shipped approximately 234 concrete barriers from various MnDOT facilities.
- Received notification from Marvin Windows, the transportation provider for the barriers going to Warroad, that the order was complete and that no more barriers are being requested at this time.

MN Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster (MNVOAD) - Liaisons in SEOC

Agency Summary

MNVOAD coordination conference calls continued to be held at 1p.m. each day over the weekend. On these calls, we received updated situation reports from several impacted County EMs.

Several member agencies continue response activities in the metro, Koochiching County and Southern MN:

- Catholic United Disaster Response, NECHAMA-Jewish Response to Disaster and International Orthodox Christian Church collaborated on clean-up efforts in Luverne. They have completed 5 clean ups so far, with 3 additional scheduled. Father Tom Jennings is collecting information about needs so teams can schedule clean ups. Team members visited several churches Sunday, to make their presence known. No needs identified so far in Pipestone County. The group is also working to assess needs in and around Jordan, Mankato, Henderson and Blakely. Volunteers






from the International Orthodox Christian Church are planning to join the group on Wednesday.

- The Salvation Army now has 1,000 additional clean up kits available. One hundred (100) of them are headed to the fire hall in Henderson (Sibley County) on Monday. The Salvation Army was feeding 150 people who were filling sandbags in Waterville (Le Sueur County Shop on Reed Street). In International Falls, another 470 meals were served today at the sandbagging site. They have been assisting an Arabic family from the Mankato apartments with help from a Red Cross translator.
- Adventist Community Services delivered three (3) clean up kits to Luverne, MN, 2 to Hardwick, MN and 20 kits to Pipestone, MN. ACS can obtain up to 2,000 more kits from the Church World Service (CWS) warehouse if needed (it would take 2 days for them to be delivered). Adventist churches where kits are available include:
 - ◊ Albert Lea – 1400 S HWY 69, Albert Lea, MN (507) 825-4604
 - ◊ International Falls – 1214 7th St, International Falls, MN
 - ◊ Mankato – 210 Pohl Road, Mankato, MN
 - ◊ Owatonna – 2373 7th Ave NE, Owatonna, MN (507) 451-5761
 - ◊ Red Wing – 4652 Highway 61 N, Red Wing, MN (651) 388-9175
- United Way 211 Twin Cities is monitoring efforts across the state. They have received very few calls for assistance (mainly for clean up kits). 211 service is available statewide, but some people with cell phones may have trouble contacting them. If so, an alternate number is (800) 543-7709 is available.
- The Mennonite Disaster Response will be assisting with livestock fencing repair in Rock county starting Monday.

SEOC Operations Section

Weather

Five Day Forecast: Minnesota - Hennepin

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
Clear	Scattered Rain Showers	Slight Chance of Thunderstorms	Chance of Thunderstorms	Chance of Thunderstorms
79 F / 26 C 60 F / 15 C	77 F / 25 C 56 F / 13 C	74 F / 23 C 59 F / 15 C	78 F / 25 C 65 F / 18 C	80 F / 26 C 68 F / 20 C

Please stay tuned to NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio for the latest weather safety information.