

KYEM CONTINUES MONITORING STRONG WEATHER SYSTEM

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FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 8, 2016) – The State Emergency Operations Center and the Kentucky Joint Information Center remain activated at Level IV and continue to monitor the strong weather system that has impacted the Commonwealth over the last few days. The system has dropped at least 15 inches of rain in some areas of western Kentucky, resulting in severe flooding causing roads and bridges to wash out.

KYEM has been communicating with the Governor, state partners and local officials throughout the incident. The Kentucky National Guard assets are on standby should assistance be requested. KYEM has received no reports of injuries or deaths associated with the recent flooding, however, five minor injuries were reported when a tornado from this weather system struck a local business in Louisa, KY on July 4.

Michael E. Dossett, Director of Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM) “With Governor Bevin’s declaration of a State of Emergency, KYEM is able to assist county officials and responders by leveraging requested state assets.”

The following city and counties have declared States of Emergencies:

- Caldwell County
- Christian County
- Crittenden County
- Hopkins County
- Livingston County
- Marshall County
- Metcalfe County
- Todd County
- Trigg County
- City of Cadiz
- City of Princeton

KYEM reminds citizens to stay aware of their surroundings and weather in their area. Some safety tips to remember:

- Already saturated ground can cause additional flash flooding and trees to easily topple
- “Turn Around Don’t Drown!”

- Never approach downed powerlines, report them to your utility provider and/or local emergency management <http://kyem.ky.gov/Who%20We%20Are/Pages/County-Directors.aspx>

If you have any damages associated with this storm system, KYEM encourages you to report weather related damages to local officials, take photos of the damage and keep any repair receipts from the damages.

All media inquiries regarding the state response should be directed to (502) 607-6666.

All public inquiries regarding the state response should be directed to (502) 607-6665.

State officials are monitoring social media and encourage the use of #kywx when posting to social media in order to increase situational awareness.

A copy of the Governor's State of Emergency can be found at <http://kyem.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx> where you can also "like" us on Facebook and "follow" us on Twitter.

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