

## **Press Release**

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# **FEMA Disaster Assessment Teams Scheduled to Visit Richland County**

Darin Gudgeon, Richland County Emergency Management Director, has announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is scheduled to visit Richland County over the next few days to conduct damage assessments. Representatives will be meeting with local and state officials to view flood damage in Crawford, Vernon, Richland, La Crosse, and Sauk Counties.

The Emergency Operations Center continued tabulating and reviewing the damage assessment data today. At this time, there are 7 homes completely destroyed, 26 residents and 2 businesses reporting major damage, and 284 residents and 13 businesses reporting minor damage. The actual value associated with the damage continues to be tabulated and is not available for release at this time. Although the EOC has now closed, residents are still encouraged to submit their damage assessments to the Richland County Emergency Management Office during normal business hours or via fax at (608) 647-7151.

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