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Update on October 2 Storm Damage in Waco

Waco, Texas (October 2, 2014) – In Waco, the center of the storm damage seems to be from Bishop to South of Bosque Blvd. and from New Road to 62nd (West of Valley Mills). Other spotted reports have come in but that is the primary area. Here is a brief summary of some of the notable incidents that occurred during or after the storm:

- Two reported house fires, (possibly three) where a General Alarm was dispatched) None major. Fire units have been clearing and moving to other incidents.
- Numerous downed power lines some with live wires. At 8:30 Oncor was reporting over 3,000 Waco homes without power most in the area described above (over 6,000 county wide).
- Numerous downed trees, trees blocking roads.
- Numerous traffic signals out (dead-due to no power)
- Numerous traffic signals on all red flash.

Specific Damage:

- Reported billboard fell onto the roof of Office Depo on Bosque near Valley Mills. Power
- Precision Tune on Bosque across from the HOT Fair Grounds – roof collapsed with reported wall collapsed. Gas leak reported. Fire shut gas off and power.
- Game Stop on Bosque near Star Bucks reported rooftop air unit blown off mounts and gas leaking. Fire shut gas off.
- Hobby Lobby (Valley Mills off Bosque) structure damage.
- Westview Nursery building reported collapsed – Fire checking
- Trees reported falling on houses on Hermanson and other locations.

Early reports indicated part of the outdoor stage at the HOT fair was blown down along with several ticket booths blown over. PD personnel working the opening night of the fair indicated the stage was not blown down. The fair was closed with no major injuries reported.

As of this writing (9:23 p.m.), no major injuries have been reported.

Numerous fire and burglar alarms going off and PD and Fire are responding as available, mostly false alarms. When daylight comes in the morning City code enforcement personnel will be out assessing structural damage.

The City of Waco asks citizens to be careful when driving and watch for debris and wires in the streets.

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