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Storm Update as of 10 a.m. Friday, October 3rd

Form the Emergency Operations Center: As of this morning, here are reports presented by various City departments at a storm assessment meeting in the EOC :

From POLICE:

On 10-2-14 at about 18:40 hrs. a severe thunderstorm moved into the Waco area bringing with it hail and 60+ MPH winds. Waco PD Dispatch received 594 911 calls and entered 191 Waco and MCSO calls for service from 18:40-21:30 hrs. The calls consisted of mostly of traffic hazards (downed power lines, downed trees, and broken power poles). There would have been many more calls entered but dispatch began adding information to open calls to keep track of what the other city departments (traffic dept. and parks dept.) had been notified of. There were also numerous Burglar Alarm calls worked by officers during the time of the storm as well as many traffic accidents some including injuries. There were several reports of buildings in the Waco area damaged and some partially collapses. In addition to the weather related calls, we still had our regular calls for service including disturbances and a fight in progress. The HOT Fair was occurring at this time and the officers working the fair first began getting patrons off of rides and under shelter. As the weather intensified the decision was made to go ahead and clear the fairgrounds and it was shut down. Officers working the fair reported damage to vehicles caused by the hail and high winds. As the severe weather and call load subsided officers where directed to major intersection for traffic control until the Traffic Department could place temporary stops. There were no reports of serious injuries or deaths related to the storm.

FIRE:

We should have a report of the number of calls for service by noon but almost the whole fire services fleet was on the move throughout the night mostly from reported downed power lines, arching transformers, etc

Streets and Traffic:

Traffic officers will be directing traffic on Valley Mills Drive at Lake Air, Wooded Acres, and Sanger until the signal heads can be turned back to the proper place facing the traffic on Valley Mills and awaiting restoration of power. When power is restored, it may be awhile before the signals will operate normally and will be on all Red 4-way flash. Streets have been clearing debris and setting up temporary stop signs as needed.

Code Enforcement:

Code and Building inspectors are surveying buildings with structural damage from the storm and will have an assessment by mid-day.

Solid Waste:

Brush trucks are running the streets of the primary impacted area with first priority to clear any debris from roadways. They will begin residential pickup after that and will run all day today and Saturday to assure roads are clear.

Power:

Oncor is working throughout the area but primarily trying to replace damaged poles between Westview Nursery and Bank of America that is a primary feeder for the HOT Fair Grounds. They are hoping to have this fixed by noon for the opening of the Fair.

We will have another update shortly after noon today.

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