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Update on City of Waco Response to Weekend Storms

Waco, Texas (October 24, 2015) – City of Waco departments continue to respond to requests for service as a result of the heavy rains that began Friday and are expected to continue through the weekend. With more than 12 inches of rain being reported by 9am Saturday throughout the area and rains continue, here is a brief summary of information collected by the Municipal Information Department:

Brazos River:

Normal Level = 3 feet. Level at 9:15am = 21.93 feet

Normal Flow = 50 cfs. Flow at 9:15am = 30,000 cfs

Note: These levels are from runoff only. No upstream lakes are discharging at this time.

Lake Waco:

Level Thursday AM = 459.50feet Level at 9:15 Saturday= 461.71feet

Note: Not releasing any water at this time.

Waco Fire Services:

From Friday when the rains began until 9am Saturday morning, Fire Services has responded to 57 scenes and received 107 phone calls for service, including stranded motorists, traffic accidents, high water, alarm activations and medical related calls.

Police, Streets, Traffic and Parks:

Throughout the night Police blocked several streets until the Street department could set up barricades at low water areas during the heaviest rains. By daylight, the most intense rains had subsided and streets and creeks were draining well and no further reports of impassible streets were received. All streets are open as of 9am. TxDot was handling several reports of high water on North Loop 340 and I-35. Police report an increase in the number of calls for response, mostly related to high water and stranded motorists during the heaviest rains. Traffic services responded to several traffic signal outages all related to intermittent or total loss of power to the intersection but no widespread issues. Parks responded to several downed trees in the street but no widespread, significant problems.

Advisory to Citizens:

Citizens are encouraged to stay off the streets and NEVER try to drive through flowing water across streets. Since rains will continue throughout the weekend at various intensities, it is difficult to predict when heavy flows may cross a roadway.

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