



## External Partner Brief 2 May 5, 2017 1000



Missouri flooding information available at Mo.gov or follow this link:

<https://www.mo.gov/safety/disasters/flood/>

MODOT Transportation map:

<http://www.modot.org/>

### **EVENT UPDATE**

- At 0800 volunteers are gathering in downtown Eureka to remove 200,000 sandbags used to construct a seven foot high, five foot deep flood wall protecting the Central Ave. area. The effort was successful, only a few businesses had a small amount of water. Businesses attributed the success to having additional notice this year, compared with Dec. 2015 flood.
- At about 2200 Thursday, both directions of 1-44 opened at all locations.
- There is concern that the North County (St. Charles County) levee at West Alton could overtop tonight. This can occur when the Mississippi is a little over 34 feet at Mel Price Lock and Dam. The river was at 34.07 at 1530. The forecast is for 35.0 Friday evening.
- Up to date State Highway road conditions and closures go to:  
<http://traveler.modot.org/map/>
- AmeriCorps St. Louis now has three volunteers on the SEOC floor to assist with volunteer management.
- Most of southeast Missouri under a flood warning.
- Boil orders and advisories continue to be issued in communities that have lost their public drinking water systems due to flooding. For a complete list, go to:  
<http://dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/boil/index.html>.
- DPS/SEMA advancing plans preparing to aid with recovery. Effort includes emergency human services and logistics.

### **Section 1- Current Conditions**

Sunny, with a high near 69. Wind chill values as low as 39 early. North wind 10 to 16 mpg, with gusts as high as 23 mph.

## **Section 2 - Missouri Government and Partner Actions**

### **Mo Department of Public Safety**

#### **Director Drew Juden**

- AmeriCorps St. Louis now has three volunteers on the SEOC floor to assist with volunteer management, including coordinating VOAD groups for muck-and-gut and debris cleanup.
- DPS/SEMA advancing plans to aid recovery.
- Continue to work closely with public water system issues in parts of Jefferson, St. Charles and St. Louis counties and security issues in parts of St. Louis County, including Valley Park, Villa Ridge and Eureka.

### **National Weather Service**

#### **James Kramper, NWS Warning Coordination Meteorologist**

- Most of southeast Missouri under a flood warning.

### **State Emergency Management Agency**

#### **Director Ernie Rhodes**

- Through Thursday, SEMA Logistics responded to over 300 resource requests, 56 of those were today. Some of those requests included tetanus vaccine for volunteers and residents.
- Requests being received now are for, debris and sandbag cleanup, large dumpsters.
- SEMA Emergency Services currently planning for 18 MARC sites. Looking to develop scheduling and staffing. A MARC is a one-stop-shop where citizens receive information from government agencies and NGOs about resources available.
- SEMA Emergency Human Services continues to explore options to assist affected regions with donations management. Seventh Day Adventists, who are national VOAD partners in donations management, has proposed setting up warehouse(s) and managing donations.
  - SNS includes 12-15 pallet jacks that could be supplied.
  - SEMA looking at possible distribution locations for public. Considering St. Charles and Springfield.
  - SEMA identified national leaders in donations management in donations management for assistance.
  - Lowes has disaster clean up kits for recovery volunteers in warehouse in Georgia. Considering best place to transport them to.
  - Logistics is coordinating Business Emergency Operations Center activities.
- Reached out to all 38 Missouri Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) units to assess ability to help with activities such as vaccine (TDAP) administration at MARCS or to support shelters.
  - Stoddard County MRC sent cots to the shelter in Poplar Bluff.

- Randolph County MRC offered TDAP vaccine.
- Cape Girardeau County MRC offered to send cots to Poplar Bluff and to assist with TDAP
- Mo Volunteer Veterinary Corps MRC offered to assist with pet sheltering
- The Governor's Partnership and MOVOAD partners have reported the availability of bottled water, including transport in regions A, C, D, E, and F.

**Current Shelter Status**

- Red Cross shelter numbers updated at 0000. Shelter numbers are updated each morning. 11 shelters open with 109 clients, 9 shelters on standby, 8 shelters closed.
- A new Red Cross Shelter is scheduled to open at 1700 at the Hayti Community Center in Pemiscot County, Missouri. It is expected to serve 5-6 families.
- The shelter at the Van Buren Youth Community Center transitioned from Red Cross management to an independent shelter.

**Red Cross OPEN shelters:**

First Baptist Church  
202 Walnut  
West Plains

122 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Gainesville  
First Baptist Church  
202 Walnut, West Plains

First Baptist Church  
2012 Missouri State Road  
Arnold

Manchester United Methodist  
129 Woods Mill Road, Ballwin  
Humane Society Mobile Animal Shelter on site.

Pat Hiatte  
Volunteer  
American Red Cross

TriCounty Senior Center  
800 W. Union Street, Pacific  
Humane Society of Missouri and Pacific Animal Shelter are partnering.

Branson United Methodist Church  
1208 W. Highway 76, Branson

**Independent Shelters are open at the following locations:**

Black River Colosseum  
301 S 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Poplar Bluff

Youth Community Center  
1204 County Road D, Van Buren

Calvary Baptist Church  
2650 Oakridge Extension, Neosho  
First Baptist Church

Eminence High School Gym  
506 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Eminence

**Missouri State Highway Patrol**

**Colonel Sandra Karsten**

- At the request of the SEOC, MSHP and MoDOT continue to work on a list of accessible travel routes to the hospitals in the south St. Louis area to be shared with the public.

## **Missouri National Guard**

### **Adjutant General Stephen Danner**

- More than 500 Soldiers and Airmen are currently supporting flood fighting response efforts. Approximately half the Guardsmen are responding to flooding near St. Louis (Task Force North) with the other responding near Cape Girardeau and Poplar Bluff (Task Force South).
- **Task Force North Soldiers and Airmen are:**
  - Conducting Traffic Control Points in Eureka.
  - Conducting Traffic Control Points in St. Louis County.
  - Transporting first responders in Fenton.
  - Transporting first responders in Eureka.
  - Transporting six portable water containers to Fenton.
  - Utilizing high water capable vehicles to transport first responders in Barnhart and Eureka.
  - Providing levee security in Eureka.
  - Conducting traffic control points in Fenton.
  - Conducting traffic control points in downtown Pacific.
- **Task Force South Soldiers and Airmen are:**
  - Conducted reconnaissance of directed areas of interest.
  - Providing sandbag support in Fisk in an effort to protect US HWY 60.
  - Providing emergency route clearance and health and wellness checks in Reynolds County.
  - Providing levee support in Poplar Bluff.
  - Providing levee support in Benton.
  - Transported 200,000 sandbags; filled and staged over 47,000 sandbags thus far at the Poplar Bluff distribution center.

## **Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services**

### **Director Randall Williams**

- DSDS continues to provide support and communication with the Area Agencies on Aging providing essential services to their constituents, such as home-delivered meals and

wellness checks. Many are working with local emergency management to check on homebound and vulnerable citizens ensuring they have the ability to get to them or for them to get out.

Senior Centers that are closed:

- West Plains
  - Naylor
  - Tipton – unsure if they are reopened yet or not.
- Issues reported with staff unable to get to our offices in the flooded areas; COOP implemented to cover any essential services and no major issues with staff shortages.
  - Charity J. Hunter, DSDS Disaster Response Coordinator, is working with the MO VOAD and Partnership collaborating on MARC planning and other situational issues, advocating for seniors and adults with disabilities; she is also providing information and collaboration with the Legal Help in Disasters Committee of the Partnership.
    - DSDS field staff will participate in MARCs to provide information, referral and assistance to seniors and adults with disabilities.
  - Made aware AmeriCares and Heart to Heart are supporting Franklin and Newton County residents affected by flood. Communicating with both organizations and ESF 6 to obtain more information.

## **Missouri Department of Natural Resources**

### **Director Carol Comer**

- Gov. Greitens signed the Executive Order this afternoon that gives MoDNR the authority to issue a storm waiver, suspending specific statutes and administrative rules in order to best serve the interest of the public health and safety during the recovery period following flooding events. MoDNR is finalizing the storm waiver that will address disposal of yard waste and major appliances; burning of woody vegetation. While the waiver suspends specific statutes and rules, landfills and local ordinances are not obligated to accept the waste or allow open burning.
- MoDNR is asking the public to report any potential hazardous substance containers or propane tanks that have been displaced or affected by the recent and ongoing flood event. [dnr.mo.gov/container-form.htm](http://dnr.mo.gov/container-form.htm). The department is coordinating the pickup of one drum.

## **Missouri Department of Agriculture/Humane Society of Missouri**

- MoAG beginning to receive preliminary reports of flooding impact on agriculture industries, including animal feed production and plant nurseries.
  - Flooding is also making animal feed storage (grain silos), distribution and delivery by river barge, rail and truck much more difficult and costly.
- Humane Society of Mo personnel deactivated from the Red Cross shelters. Any incoming requests can be made at 314-647-4400.
  - A total of 78 animals are being sheltered in the state:

- The animal portion of the co-location shelter at the Black River Coliseum closed, the last two dogs are being housed at the Poplar Bluff Animal Shelter.
- City of Waynesville has 2 cats and 1 dog being sheltered
- The Humane Society of Missouri has 5 dogs and 13 cats sheltered
- Jefferson County AC has no more animals in their shelter
- Taney County Animal Control has 41 dogs, 1 rabbit and 13 cats being sheltered
- Requests for services should call 314-647-4400.

**Missouri Public Service Commission**

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**Electric Cooperatives**

Black River Electric	30
Boone Electric (F)	2
Citizens Electric (C/E)	1
Co-Mo Electric (F)	2
Crawford Electric (E)	57
Cuivre River Electric (F)	1
Gascosage Electric (F)	213
Howell-Oregon Electric (G)	177
Intercounty (G/I)	66
Laclede Electric (I)	62
Ozark Border (E)	47
Three Rivers (F)	32

**Municipalities**

City of Springfield	17
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**Section 3 – Flood Facts, Actions and Resources**

- Warn children to never play in or near flood water. Soaked creek and stream banks may be unstable and suddenly give away, tossing you into moving water.
- Storm drains or culverts obscured by flood water can create powerful currents that can sweep people in with deadly consequences.
- Flood water can contain raw sewage and other risks, including infectious diseases, hazardous chemical exposure, and debris.
- Direct contact with flood water can cause skin rashes, infect cuts or wounds, or cause stomach illnesses.

- Downed or broken power lines in flood water pose an electrocution hazard.
- Sharp objects and debris, such as glass or metal objects, may be lurking in flood water.
- Animals, insects, snakes and other reptiles that have been displaced due to flooding may be submerged or hiding in debris in or near flood waters.

**Here's what the public can do:**

- When a flash flood warning is issued for your area, or the moment you realize that a flash flood is imminent, go to higher ground immediately.
- Do not attempt to cross flowing streams. Even six inches of flowing water can knock you off your feet.
- Be alert for high water whenever flash flooding is forecast. Slow down when visibility is limited.
- If you wind up in flood water and your vehicle stalls, leave it immediately and seek higher ground. Rapidly rising water may engulf the vehicle and sweep it away.

**Resources from the Missouri Department of Health and Human Services:**

- Well water – If there is any indication that a private well water source has been breached, contact DHSS at 573-751-3334 to obtain free water testing kit. Store disinfected water in clean, covered containers for drinking and cooking.
- Electrocution – Turn off electricity and other utilities like gas lines before entering a flood-impacted building.
- Immunizations – Immunizations will be provided free of charge to first responders and volunteers or people impacted/community members through local health departments.
- Food safety – Discard any food that may have been touched by flood waters. Products with twist off caps should be discarded as well.
- Mosquitoes – After flooding, pooled water can become breeding grounds for mosquitoes. People are reminded to tip-and-toss containers with standing water.

**School Closings**

- Alton R-IV
- Bakersfield R-IV
- Eminence R-I
- Lindberg School District
- Meramec Valley R3
- Missouri State University – West Plains
- Mountain View- Birch Tree R-III
- New Day in Hillsboro
- Northwest R1 Schools
- Northwest
- Ozark Horizon School #18
- Rockwood School District

- Sacred Heart in Valley Park
- St. Ignatius of Loyola
- St. Mark's Lutheran in Eureka
- St. Vincent School – Dutzow
- Twin Oaks Christian School
- Valley Park School District
- Vatterott College Sunset hills
- Washington Public Schools
- Willow Springs R-IV
- Windsort C1