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DATE: 06/20/2012

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Update from Officials on Flooding in Duluth/Press Conference Scheduled

CASE NO.:

INCIDENT DATE :06/20/2012

INCIDENT TIME: 2:00PM

INCIDENT LOCATION: Public Safety Building 2030 North Arlington Avenue

SUBJECT: Update from Officials on Flooding in Duluth

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Update from Officials on Flooding in Duluth

[Duluth, MN] – The City of Duluth and its local partners are working to monitor and coordinate efforts. Mayor Don Ness has declared a State of Emergency for the City of Duluth.

As of 1:00 pm, Central Time, the following MN DOT roads are closed. Information is updated by calling 511 or going to <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d1/> :

London Road at 43rd Street
I 35 between Carlton and Mahtowa
I 35 from Central Ave to 26th Ave East/London Road
Hwy 2 from I 35 to Boundary Ave (downbound only) in Proctor, right 2 lanes are closed
Hwy 2 from the Iron Horse Bar and Grill to the golf course
Hwy 23 South of Duluth
Hwy 23 in Fond du Lac
Hwy 33 in Cloquet
Hwy 33 at milepost 9 near Independence
Hwy 53 near Miller Hill Mall in Duluth
Hwy 61 near Silver Creek Tunnel
Hwy 61 at Knife River
Hwy 200 between Hwy 2 and Hwy 65
Hwy 210 completely closed through Jay Cooke State Park
Hwy 73 closed at four locations – reference posts 31.5, 46.3, 47.4, and 27.4 (southbound lane)
Hwy 65 from reference posts 107 to 112.6, closed under two feet of water
Hwy 2 between 220.7 through 232.0 completely closed
Hwy 200 between Hwy 2 and 65

The following streets in the West side of Duluth are closed:

Superior St at 34th Ave West to 40th Ave West
Chambersburg Street to Piedmont Ave
Skyline Drive west of Spirit Mountain
Skyline Drive from 40th Ave West to Highland Street
Skyline Drive at 40th Ave West to 26th Ave West
Cody Street
38th Ave West and West 5th Street, bridge washed out
Most gravel roads are impassable

East side of Duluth:
Superior Street at 8th Ave E
Pleasant View
Airpark Drive
Skyline Drive – Kent Rd to Chester Park Drive
8th Ave East
1st Ave East
Kenwood Ave to Skyline Parkway
South and middle roads off Howard Gnesen
9th Street bridge
St. Marie St. closed
West Arrowhead Rd off of Woodland Ave
13th Ave East off of 9th Street
Dodge Street

MN Power reports approximately 300 households are out of power. Crews are working to safely restore power. The Miller Hill Mall area is currently out of power.

The public is advised to take these precautionary steps:

Residents with propane tanks are advised to shut off tank valves.

The public is advised to call 211 for non-emergency needs or for information, the toll free number is 800-543-7709. 211 is a 24 hour service line.

Residents who cannot access their homes are advised to safely make their way to the First United Methodist Church (aka Copper Top Church), 230 E Skyline Parkway.

The public should keep in mind that standing water is likely not sanitary water and people should avoid coming into contact with overflow areas.

Motorists should use caution, as roads are deteriorated and impassable. Please do not drive around barricades. Roads may still be unstable after the rain subsides.

Volunteer Opportunities:

> Anyone interested in offering volunteer assistance can call 211 to register.

> Donations are being accepted through the Red Cross Northland. If you would like to help, please consider making a donation today by visiting www.redcrossmn.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or texting the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation. Contributions may also be sent to your local Northland Chapter of the American Red Cross chapter at 2524 Maple Grove Road, Duluth, MN 55811 or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013.

