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Two Storm Systems Hit Muskegon County Within One Hour Early Morning Tuesday, Restoration Continues

MUSKEGON COUNTY, MI – At approximately 5:19 AM and 5:55 AM on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, two severe storm systems swept across Muskegon County. The National Weather Service Grand Rapids Forecast Office reported 68 – 71 mph winds. Within the first hour of the storm system, there were 776 calls to 911. There were numerous reports of wires and trees down, including several trees that had fallen through homes.

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for Muskegon County was activated after extensive damage was reported throughout Muskegon County. The EOC is composed of several trained individuals prepared to handle incidents as such and are trained to remain vigilant in the response efforts.

As of 4:30 PM on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, approximately 37,000 residents were without power. Consumers Energy crews continue to restore power, focusing on assessing damage and restoring critical customers first. Crews will continue until power is restored to all Muskegon County residents.

Two serious injuries were reported from fallen trees. All major highways are now open. However, multiple residential and secondary roads remain closed.

The safety of all individuals is the primary focus. We ask everyone to please obey all signage and barricades. Never use a generator in an attached garage, basement, enclosed patio, or near any air intake. Doing so could cause a generator to produce hazardous levels of carbon monoxide, an odorless, colorless, and deadly gas.

Anyone wishing to begin clean-up, please ensure not to cut anything where wires may be entangled in the debris. Emergency crews have already been informed if you see a downed powerline or tree marked with cones or caution tape. All other downed lines or reports of gas leaks should be reported to 911.

Anyone who needs to report a missing or unaccounted individual can call Muskegon County Central Dispatch at 231-722-3524, ext. 1. This number is for missing persons only. It is not for general questions or information. Anyone requiring immediate services such as food or temporary housing is asked to dial 211 or call 231-733-1155. If you have an emergency, continue to call 911.

We ask for your continued support during this time as countless individuals work around the clock to restore the safety for all residents within our community.

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