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ESTIMATED TORNADO DAMAGES TOP \$18 MILLION

“While Tornado damages at this point in time can only be estimated, utilizing, Property Tax Assessment roles, Building Inspectors and best guestimates, property damages are currently estimated at \$18,016,300 for the 27 homes/buildings that were destroyed or totaled, the 32 homes with major damage and the 46 homes with minor damage, that were caused by the Tornadoes that struck Kenosha County late Monday afternoon,” stated Ben Schliesman, Director, Kenosha County Emergency Management. “With regard to the private property that was damaged/destroyed, we are trying to get a handle on how many homes are uninsured or under-insured. This is information that we need to collect in order to get a Federal/ Presidential Disaster Declaration and/or any State Assistance. We are asking all residents and property owners that had any uninsured damages to call Kenosha County Emergency Management at 262-605-7926 and report their uninsured losses. Additionally to date it is estimated that Kenosha County has approximately \$900,000 in public property damages and/or costs that were incurred by municipalities to help respond to the Tornadoes and/or assist with recovery operations.”

For property owners utilizing service and/or repair contractors, you may check them out through the WI Trade & Consumer Protection Agency at 608-224-5007.

According to sources at the Wheatland Town Hall, which is coordinating assistance with the help of the American Red Cross, Salvation Army and many volunteers, those victims affected by the Tornadoes in the west end of the County, do not need any more donated items. People wishing to donate are encouraged to make cash donations to one of the following Agencies to aid victims of the Tornadoes:

- Bank of Kenosha: Call 262-842-1073
Funds will be used to help out any victims who are affected by the Tornadoes
- M&I Bank: Call 262-843-2366
This is a fund for Wheatland residents only
- Tri-County Realtor Relief Fund: Donations may be made at any M&I Bank
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- American Red Cross: Kenosha County Tornado Relief Fund
Funds earmarked specifically for the Kenosha County Tornado may only be used to assist Kenosha County Tornado victims

With regard to donations of goods, the Salvation Army is still in need of: storage bins (18 gallon), tarps, work gloves and other storage containers for use by Tornado victims. People may contact the Salvation Army at: 262-564-0286.

People wishing to volunteer may contact Kenosha County's Volunteer Hotline at 262-605-7924, names and phone numbers will be passed-on to the volunteer coordinators. People may also sign-up to volunteer directly at the Wheatland Town Hall, 34315 Geneva Road, New Munster. All volunteers need to sign-in at the Wheatland Town Hall and get a wrist band to identify themselves as a volunteer or they will not be allowed to enter damages areas. Volunteers need to dress appropriately and not risk doing anything that they are not trained to do. People wishing to volunteer may also contact Candy Horton, Volunteer Coordinator at Wheatland Town Hall at 262-492-1415. Volunteers without the appropriate wrist band and/or who are not dressed properly will not be allowed to volunteer.