



# COUNTY OF KENOSHA

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **SBA Representatives to Visit Kenosha County**

On Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> Representatives from the Small Business Administration (SBA) and WI Emergency Management (WEM) will tour some of the homes/businesses that were damaged from the June 19<sup>th</sup> storm that hit Kenosha County.

“We are very pleased to see representatives from the SBA coming to Kenosha County and touring the flood damage. There are a lot of people and businesses hurting as a result of the floods and we are seeking Federal/State assistance to help them,” Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser said.

“In order to be eligible for a Federal FEMA Declaration, 75 -100 homes/businesses state-wide were needed that had Major Damage and/or were Destroyed and we knew that was not going to be an option,” said Ben Schliemann, Director, Kenosha County Emergency Management. “That left the only other option for federal assistance which is an SBA Disaster Declaration which will offer those affected by the flooding, the possibility of very low interest loans. However, to meet the minimum criteria for the SBA, the County must have a minimum of 25 homes/businesses with 40% or more of uninsured losses, not counting personal items and those are the homes/businesses that the SBA Representatives will be visiting on July 7<sup>th</sup>.”

Once the SBA views the properties and makes a decision, Kenosha County Emergency Management will contact the property owners to inform them of the SBA decisions.