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Storm damages eastern Kenosha County

There was one fatality and several injuries as damaging winds from an intense thunderstorm and a gust front moved through Kenosha County after 8 p.m. Thursday.

Winds between 70 and 80 miles an hour downed and damaged hundreds of trees. WE Energies estimated that 22,000 homes and businesses were without power primarily in the eastern half of Kenosha County as of 12:01 a.m. Friday. WE Energies was working through the night to restore power.

The majority of the damage and calls for emergency service were in areas east of 30th Avenue.

Kenosha Mayor Keith Bosman said that more than 60 city Public Works employees were deployed to begin clean-up efforts.

“We are continuing to assess the damage in the city,” Bosman said. “It may take several days to clean-up debris.”

A 31 year-old Kenosha man was killed when he was struck by a falling tree while he was riding a motorcycle southbound in the 7600 block of 25th Avenue, according to the Kenosha Police Department. The accident occurred at 8:12 p.m., police said. The man was taken to Kenosha Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

A woman was injured in the Village of Pleasant Prairie when she was struck by debris from a shed. The woman was being treated for a broken hip.

There were other reported injuries, including two people who sustained electric shocks from touching live electrical wires. The injuries were non-life threatening, according to the Kenosha Fire Department.

The Kenosha County Emergency Operations Center was opened at 9:30 p.m. to coordinate emergency response efforts. Assisting the city of Kenosha with emergency response efforts were the Towns of Paris, Salem and Somers and the Villages of Bristol and Pleasant Prairie. Pleasant Prairie also had 15 fire and emergency medical calls, along with 60 police calls resulting from the storm.

Citizens are being urged to stay away from downed power lines. Call WE Energies at 1-800-662-4797 for assistance with power lines.

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