

# POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## Storm Response Situation Report July 21, 2019 12:00pm

As of 12:00pm on Sunday, July 21, 2019, the Emergency Response situation in Polk County, Wisconsin, is as follows:

### Power Outages

Polk-Burnett: 2,500 affected  
Xcel Energy: 1,255 affected  
Northwest Wisconsin Electric: approximately 6 affected

### Shelter/Reception Centers

Red Cross shower and water distribution center being established at Unity High School. The center will be operational at approximately 2:30pm today. Citizens will be able to shower, get bottled water and basic toiletry items from opening until 10pm today. The center will be open from 6am to 10pm on Monday. Assessments will be made on Monday as to the need to continue to operate the center.

### Tree Debris Disposal Sites

Two tree debris disposal sites have been established in Polk County. Site #1 is located at 773 Mains Crossing Ave., Amery, WI. Site #2 is located north of 2193 80<sup>th</sup> St., Luck, WI. These sites are for governments, citizens and government contractors. They are not for the use of privately contracted companies. The sites will be operational by 2pm.

### Communications

Emergency Management communications are being disseminated to the public through social media. Employee Relations is arranging for other departments to broadcast these messages across their social media platforms as well for as wide of coverage as possible. We are using the Polk County Sheriff Department Facebook as our dissemination tool.

All township and village presidents/chairpersons and clerks have received e-mails from the Emergency Management Division. This will continue to be our method of communication due to limited time and resources which would be taxed by individual phone calls to update each person regularly.

Chief Deputy Roberts can be reached at cell phone number (715)491-5902 or e-mail [chad.roberts@co.polk.wi.us](mailto:chad.roberts@co.polk.wi.us) for direct requests for information. At this time, only one township and no villages have contacted Emergency Management.

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## Volunteer Resources

In addition to the Red Cross, a non-profit group, Christian Aid Ministries, will be arriving in Polk County tomorrow to assist private individuals at no charge. We will not be acting as a clearinghouse for requests for help; we will be connecting the group with private citizens through social media.

## Aerial Photos of Damage

At our request, the Wisconsin State Patrol flew an air mission yesterday evening and photographed the area of damage. The photos can be accessed at the following Flickr link:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/128735049@N05/sets/72157709784037107/>



Chief Deputy Chad Roberts