



RCSD-61 Media Release Form

SUMMARY of Media Incident: **Severe Weather strikes southwestern Richland County**

WHEN: DATE of Media Incident: **06/22/2015**

TIME of Incident: **0930am**

WHO Involved: Name

Age

Address (City/Village Only)

Residents of Richwood Township

Other Agencies Involved? **Yes**

Who: **Blue River Fire Department, Richland County Highway Dept, Richland Electric Coop, Alliant Energy, Richwood Township**

WHERE Incident Happened: **Richwood Township**

WHAT: Details of Incident:

At approximately 0930am on Monday 6/22/2015, The Richland Co 911 Communications Center received a call of a power wire down across St Hwy 60 near Co Hwy W in Richwood Township. As a Deputy responded, calls began to come in of damage to trees, homes, and farms throughout that area.

A call was put out for the Blue River Fire Dept. and they responded to assist with traffic control, road clearing and damage assessment. When deputies arrived, it was discovered that a wind event had occurred as part of the storms passing through the area at the time. Several trees were found to be down on power lines along Co Hwy F and Co Hwy W. Portions of roofs were torn from homes and silos, and a machine shed was completely destroyed and scattered over the course of approximately a mile near the intersection of Co Hwy M and Co Hwy F. A hay wagon had been overturned and road signs were snapped off at ground level. A call was put out for assistance from both Richland Electric Coop and Alliant Energy and both agencies quickly responded and began the task of restoring power.

Deputies photographed portions of the most severely damaged area and spoke with property owners. The information gathered was passed on to Richland County Emergency Management

and the National Weather Service Office in La Crosse. No ruling has been received from the National Weather Service about the storm, and no estimate of damage has been announced.

Richland County Sheriff James Bindl would like to thank the residents and all who responded to assist in this event.

ARREST or CHARGES: **None**

DEPUTY filing Media Release Form:

Name: **Chief Deputy Chad Kanable**

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