



**09-025, Summer Storms  
July 15, 2009  
12:30 p.m. CDT  
Incident Summary Report #04**

**Incident Overview**

***Updated information is in red.***

The following is a summary of key issues related to the 2009 summer storm which occurred July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The National Weather Service (NWS) confirmed an EF-3 tornado struck the southern portion of Dickinson on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Activation – Level III (Monitoring Activation). N.D. Division of Homeland Security (NDHLS) personnel staff the SEOC from 10:00 p.m. until to 1:30 a.m., July 8th. NDHLS personnel staff the SEOC daily from 8:00 a.m. until to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The NDHLS Duty Officer has responsibility for incident-related calls between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. and on weekdays, weekends, and holidays.

Significant Events

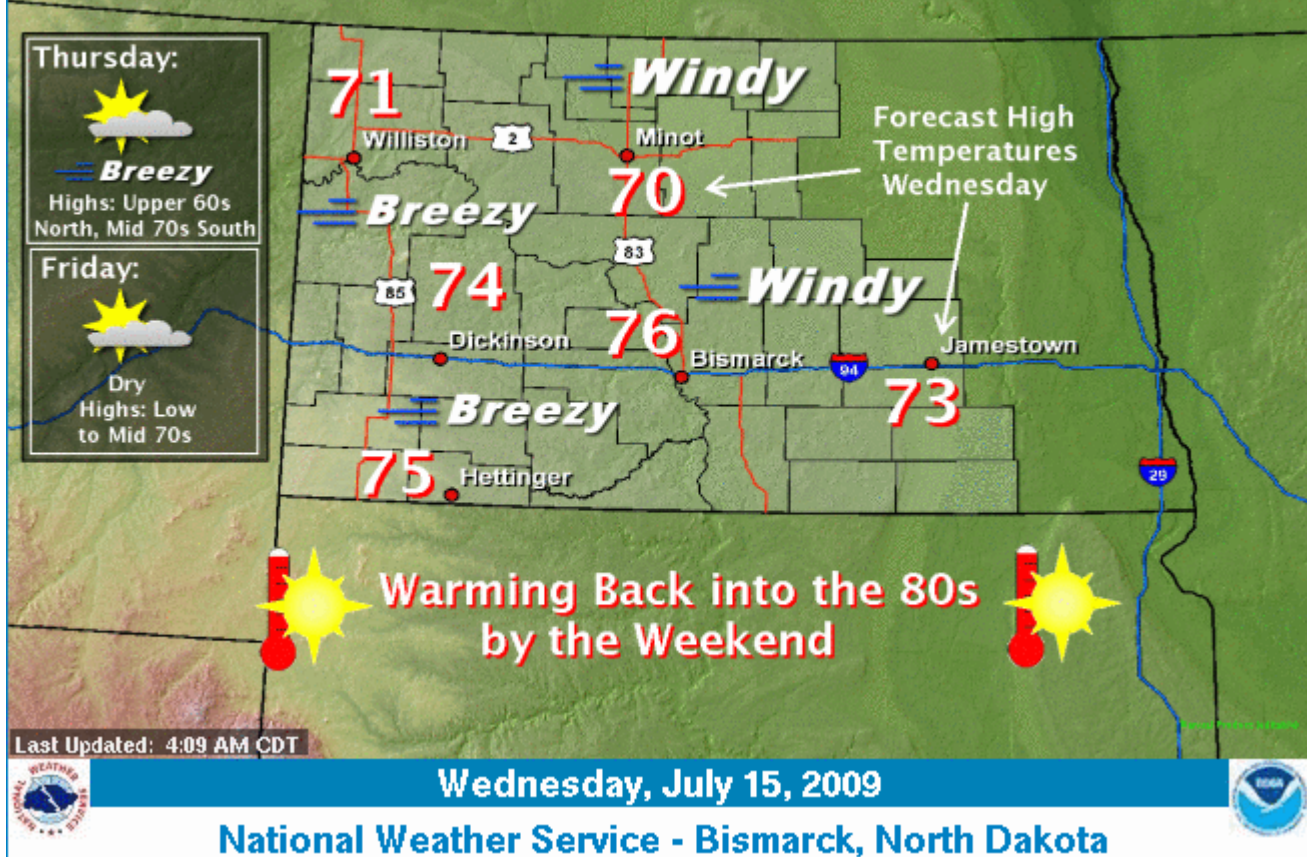
➤ **Deaths/Injuries/Illnesses –**

- Two people have been treated and released from the hospital.
- The American Red Cross (ARC) reported a Hillside Baptist Church shelter resident was taken by ambulance to the hospital on July 12.

➤ **Weather Forecast for North Dakota:**

- **A windy Wednesday is forecast across western and central North Dakota. Winds will be from the west northwest at 25 to 30 mph with gusts to 35 mph in the Turtle Mountains and James River Valley, with weaker winds of 15 to 20 mph with gusts to 25 mph in the southwest. Temperatures will remain below average in the upper 60s to mid 70s through the end of the work week, with a warming trend into the 80s by the weekend. Dry weather is also forecast through the weekend.**

## A Windy and Relatively Cool Wednesday Across Western and Central North Dakota



### ➤ Sheltering and Mass Care – July 13

- The American Red Cross (ARC) sheltered two families last night at the Hillside Baptist Church totaling eight people and now is working with Dickinson State University to get them moved into dorms for up to a month until longer term housing is available.
- The ARC fed 341 people on July 14.
- The American Red Cross (ARC) submitted the following Dickinson service report totals on July 15:
  - Total Meals Served - 4,435
  - Total Sheltered Population – 61
  - Volunteers assisting yesterday (July 12) – 29
  - Mental Health services continue
- The Salvation Army is continuing to feed workers and fed 68 people on July 12.

### ➤ Damages to Homes/Businesses

#### Stark County Report

- Inspections of damaged homes in Dickinson as of 7/11/09 covered 435 properties with breakdown as follows:
  - (49) 80-100%
  - (22) 50-75%
  - (24) 30-49%
  - (357) 0-29% (less than 10%)

- Several businesses have sustained damage.
- **Resource/Assistance Requests:**
  - The NDNG was requested for checkpoint security and traffic control in Stark County.
  - Civil Air Patrol (CAP) was requested to provide aerial photography of south Dickinson.
  - Request for NDNG for debris removal in Stark County.
  - Stark County EM requested tarps and/ or plastic sheeting for covering holes in structures damaged by the storm.
  - **County officials have requested U.S. Forest Service (USFS) resources to assist with the removal of leaning trees, partially down trees, hanging branches that pose an immediate threat to public safety. The affected area is a heavily used park which backs up to private land where houses are located. Local resources have been overwhelmed and city/county resources do not have the skills or specialized equipment needed to complete the task. – July 14.**



## **LOCAL**

### **Stark County**

- **On July 14, the County Emergency Manager renewed requests for volunteers. Over 450 volunteers have registered and more are expected today.**
- **County officials continue to process a large amount of donations coming into the relief/recovery effort.** A distribution center is set up in the Prairie Hills Mall in Dickinson for clothing, personal care items, cleaning supplies and food. The center is being managed by Adventist Community Services (ACS) and the state Citizen Corps coordinator.

## **STATE**

### **Governor's Office**

- Gov. John Hoeven requested trailers from FEMA's North Dakota Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO), for individuals and families displaced by recent tornadoes in Dickinson. The FEMA FCO indicated the agency has trailers available and is currently assessing residents' needs at the federal Disaster Recovery Center (DRC).

### **N.D. Civil Air Patrol**

- **Upgraded CAP imagery of Dickinson can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/DIK-Tornado>.**

### **N.D. Division of Homeland Security (NDHLS)**

- **The Division continues to coordinate requests for state assistance.**

### **N.D. Insurance Department**

- **A representative from the North Dakota Insurance Department is available at the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) located at the Prairie Hills Mall in Dickinson this week to provide assistance to residents recovering from last week's tornado. The DRC is open 9:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m. MDT Monday through Saturday and 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. MDT Sundays.**
- **For more information, contact the Insurance Department at 701-328-2440 or 1-800-247-0560 or [insurance@nd.gov](mailto:insurance@nd.gov).**

## **FEDERAL**

### **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

- As of July 15, the DRC located at the Prairie Hills Mall in Dickinson has received 74 registrations for the Individual and Household Assistance Program and other needs.

#### National Weather Service (NWS)

- The NWS confirmed that an EF3 tornado moved through south Dickinson with wind speeds up to 150 miles per hour (mph).

#### Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

- OSHA sent representatives to Dickinson to provide assistance.

#### U.S. Forest Service (USFS)

- 17 USFS individuals provided assistance to the city of Dickinson; officials expected to have 13 individuals on-site by July 12.

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