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Greene County Coordinating Recovery Resources for Residents Affected by Tuesday's Storm

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri – During an emergency session this evening, the Greene County Commission voted to declare a Local Emergency due to the severe weather events from Tuesday, April 30, 2019. The declaration allows corrective actions to help protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Greene County. Additional measures will be determined after further meetings tomorrow.

In the meantime, the Office of Emergency Management is establishing a Volunteer Coordination Center to help residents affected by the storm. Volunteers will be stationed at Fellowship Bible Church in Rogersville and mobilized to help with debris management, specifically the safe organization and placement of debris materials by type: appliances and electronics, vegetation and structure/construction materials.

For those wishing to serve as a volunteer, you will need to wear jeans or work pants (no shorts), closed-toed shoes and have work gloves. Contact 417-755-0913 or 417-755-0614 for more information.

“We are extremely grateful that we have an active community who are willing to help those affected by Tuesday’s storm,” said Larry Woods, Director of the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management. “That’s why it is important to have a coordinated effort to effectively help our friends and neighbors.”

Woods stresses the best way to help is to volunteer through the Volunteer Coordination Center – please contact the center for instructions before arriving. It is important that volunteers follow the processes to ensure this effort is successful for all the citizens of Greene County.

“Our community is fortunate to have resources like the Office of Emergency Management to help monitor, prepare and respond to disaster situations,” said Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon. “Because of their actions, we were able to initiate early warning and avoid loss of life. Various Greene County agencies will continue to be on alert.”

If you are able to remove the debris materials on your own, you are encouraged to do so safely. To request volunteer assistance, call 417-755-0913 or 417-755-0614. The Volunteer Coordination Center will prioritize assistance by severity of damage and greatest need.

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