



Minutes - February 13, 2024

Call to Order: Chair Beaver called the hybrid meeting of the Public Safety & Justice Committee to order at 5:15 P.M. in Conference Room N1/N2.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Beaver, Bomkamp, Knudson, Whitledge, and Zoril.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Nicole Barrington, Administrative Professional III; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the Administrator; Fredd Carr, 911 Communications Director; Kevin Wernet, Emergency Management Director; Sheriff Fell; Dara Mosely, Deputy IT Director; Melissa Wittwer, Child Support Director; Sergeant Kohler; Josh Smith, County Administrator; Duane Jorgenson, Public Works Director; Tammy Kettleson, Deputy Emergency Management Director.

Others Present: Supervisors Mawhinney, Tillman.

Approve Agenda: Supervisor Bomkamp moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Zoril. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Approval of Minutes:

January 23, 2024 Minutes: Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the January 23, 2024 minutes, second by Supervisor Bomkamp. Supervisor Zoril asked to add ",except for Beloit." after "quote" under the Child Support request for purchase. ADOPTED.

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Transfers: None.

Review of Payments: None.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Authorizing Acceptance of Anti-Heroin Task Force Grant and Amending the 2024 Sheriff's

Office Budget: "NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors assembled this ____ day of _____ 2024, that the Rock County Sheriff is authorized to accept

funds under the Anti-Heroin Task Force Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2024 budget be amended as follows:

..."

Supervisor Bomkamp moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Zoril.
ADOPTED.

Authorizing Acceptance of the 2024 Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force Grant and Amending the 2024 Sheriff's Office Budget: "NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors assembled this _____ day of _____, 2024, that the Rock County Sheriff is authorized to accept funds under the Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force Grant.

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Supervisor Zoril moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Recognizing Jason Brown: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2024, does hereby recognize Correctional Officer Jason Brown for his over 18 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Correctional Officer Jason Brown along with best wishes for the future."

Supervisor Zoril moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Semi-Annual Report - Attendance at Conventions/Conferences: The committee reviewed the reports.

911 Communications:

District Attorney's Office:

Court Commissioners :

Child Support Services:

Clerk of Courts:

Sheriff's Office:

Request to Purchase Replacement VPN Phones at 911 Center: Supervisor Knudson approval to purchase replacement VPD phones at the 911 Center, second by Supervisor Bomkamp. ADOPTED.

Request to Hire APCO to Perform Staff and Operational Consultation at 911 Center: Supervisor Knudson moved approval to hire APCO to perform staff and operational consultation at the 911 Center, second by Supervisor Bomkamp. ADOPTED.

Request to Purchase Replacement GPS Clocks: Supervisor Zoril moved approval to purchase replacement GPS clocks, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Request to Purchase the Patrol Rifle Replacements: Supervisor Bomkamp moved approval to purchase patrol rifle replacements, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Update on Severe Weather Impacts: Sheriff Fell and Kevin Wernet provided an update. Sheriff Fell provided an overview of events leading up to, during, and after the extreme weather event. Kevin stated that there were two tornados currency classified as an EF-1 and an EF-2. Their PowerPoint is attached.

Next meeting date and time: Staff informed the committee of a need for a special meeting needed next week to consider a resolution for the disaster declaration. The committee agreed to have a special meeting on Thursday, February 22.

Next regular meeting is February 27 at 5:15 P.M.

Supervisor Bomkamp requested an agenda item be added regarding hospitals using 911 for transfers.

Adjournment: Supervisor Knudson moved to adjourn at 6:28 P.M., second by Supervisor Zoril. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Thompson
Executive Assistant

NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

Evansville Tornado Response

February 8, 2024

Presented February 13, 2024

Rock County Emergency Management – Director Kevin Wernet
& Rock County Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Curtis Fell



Emergency Management



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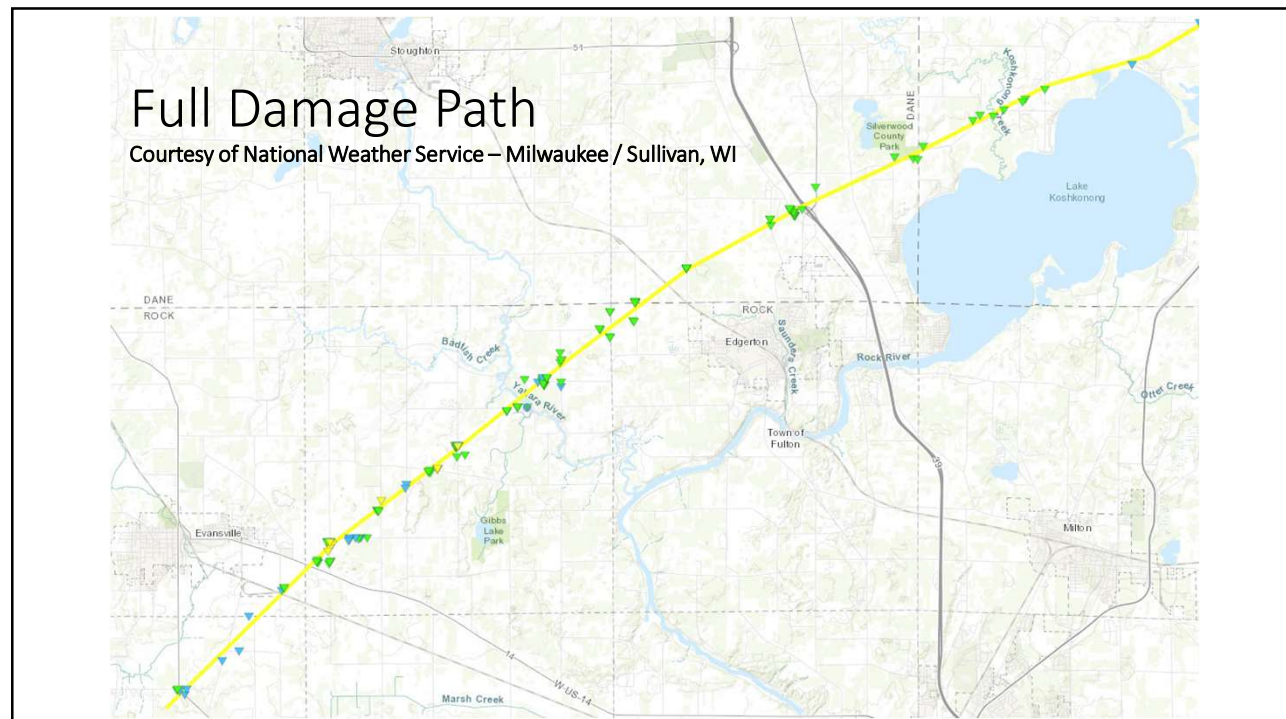
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 - N Territorial Rd Reopened – Several Side Roads Remain Closed – Avoid Closed Roads
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 - 1500 Press Conference at Evansville ACE Hardware
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- 02/10/2024
 - 0900 Severe Weather Event Media Release Update #3
 - All Roads, Except W Gibbs Lake Rd, Reopened
 - Scaling Down Command Post – Law Enforcement Will Maintain an Increased Presence
 - Call Non-Emergency Line (608-757-2244) for Property Access and Other Non-911 Law Enforcement Needs
 - Dial 211 for Damage Reports and Unmet Resource Needs
 - Donations Can Be Dropped Off at Evansville Fire District during Dayshift Hours on 02/10-11/2024
 - 1600 Severe Weather Event Media Release Update #4
 - Rock County Emergency Management Arranged for Porta Potties and Pallets of Bottled Water at Porter Town Hall and Yahara Valley Elementary School for Residents and Volunteers

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- 02/11/2024
 - 1245 Severe Weather Event Media Release Update #5
 - Electrical Companies Notified Authorities that W Gibbs Lake Rd Is Expected to Open on Afternoon of 02/11/2024
 - Residents Should Expect Intermittent Power Outages on Hwy 59, Caledonia Rd, and W Gibbs Lake Rd This Week
 - Rock County Sheriff's Office Strongly Advises Against Paddling on Yahara River and Badfish Creek
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Responding Agencies & Supporting Entities



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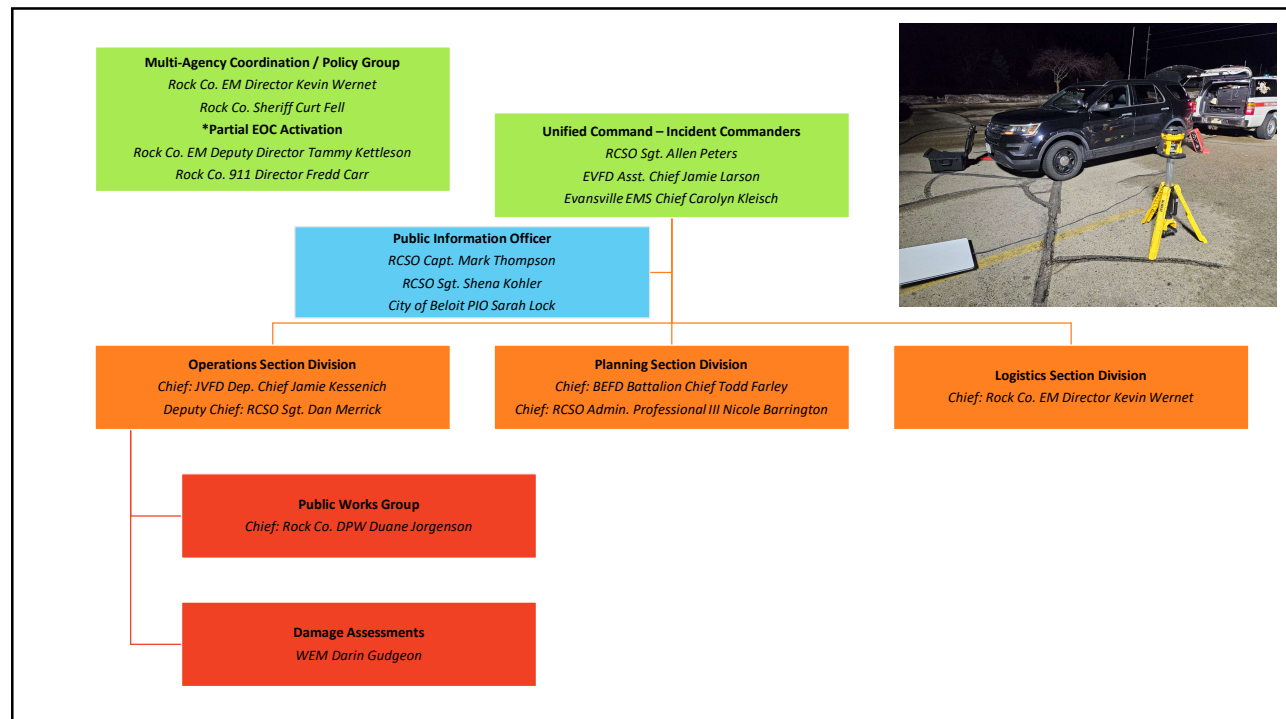
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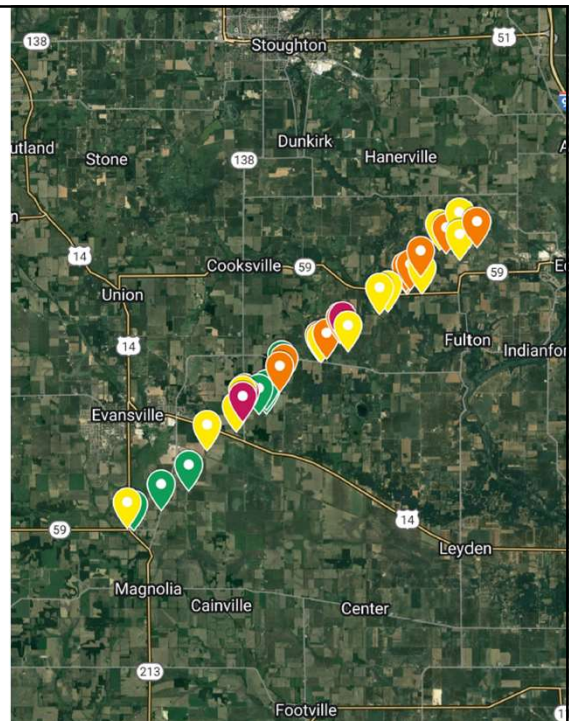


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 - Destroyed: 3
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Estimated Costs



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Costs

- Rock County Sheriff's Office Overtime Expenses
 - 201.95 Hours
 - Total Cost: \$13,329.76
- Rock County Department of Public Works Expenses
 - 39 Staff Responded
 - \$35,000 - \$40,000 for Labor, Material, and Equipment

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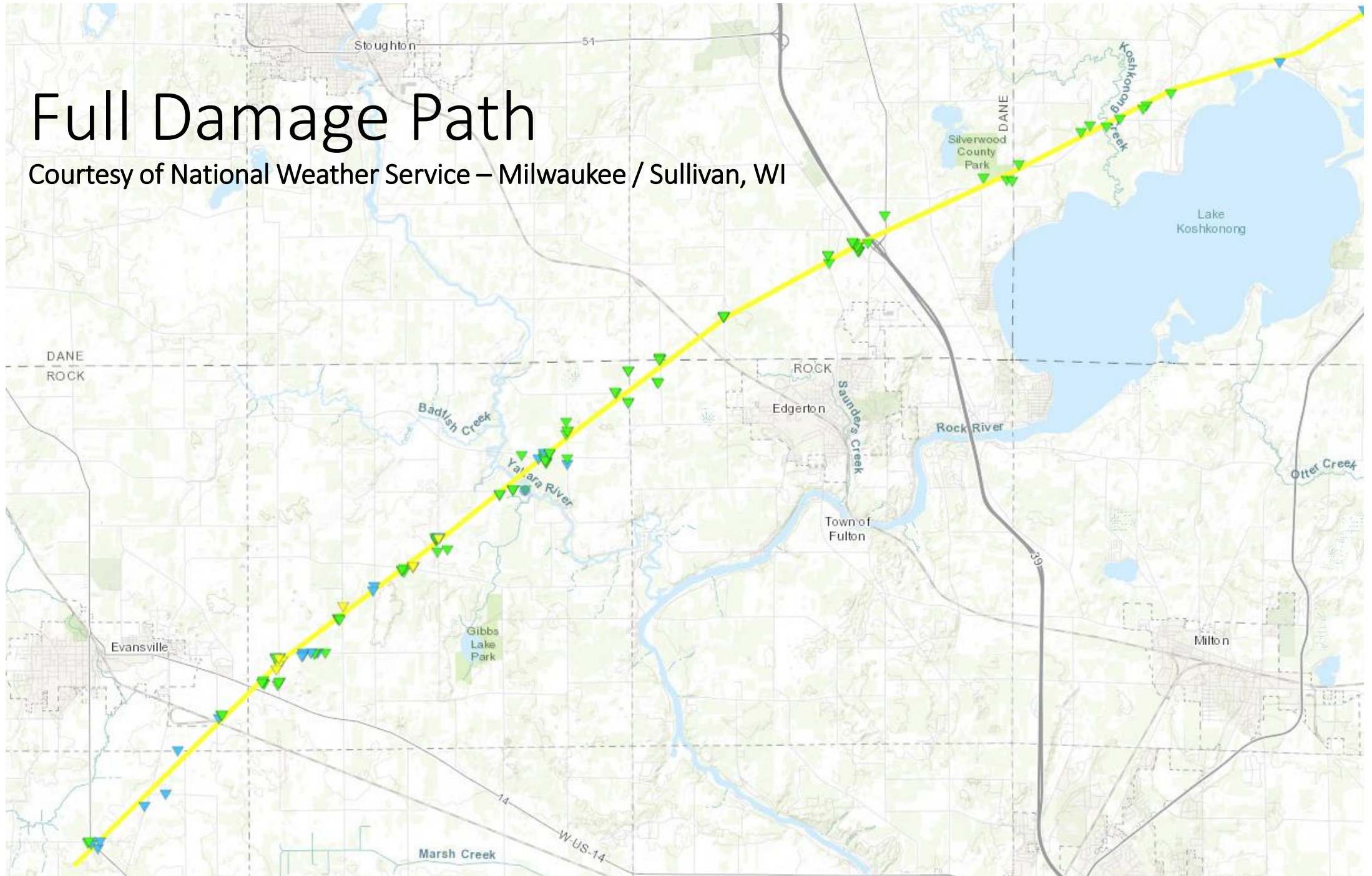
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Courtesy of National Weather Service – Milwaukee / Sullivan, WI



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***Partial EOC Activation**

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Unified Command – Incident Commanders

RCSO Sgt. Allen Peters

EVFD Asst. Chief Jamie Larson

Evansville EMS Chief Carolyn Kleisch

Public Information Officer

RCSO Capt. Mark Thompson

RCSO Sgt. Shena Kohler

City of Beloit PIO Sarah Lock

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Deputy Chief: RCSO Sgt. Dan Merrick

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WEM Darin Gudgeon



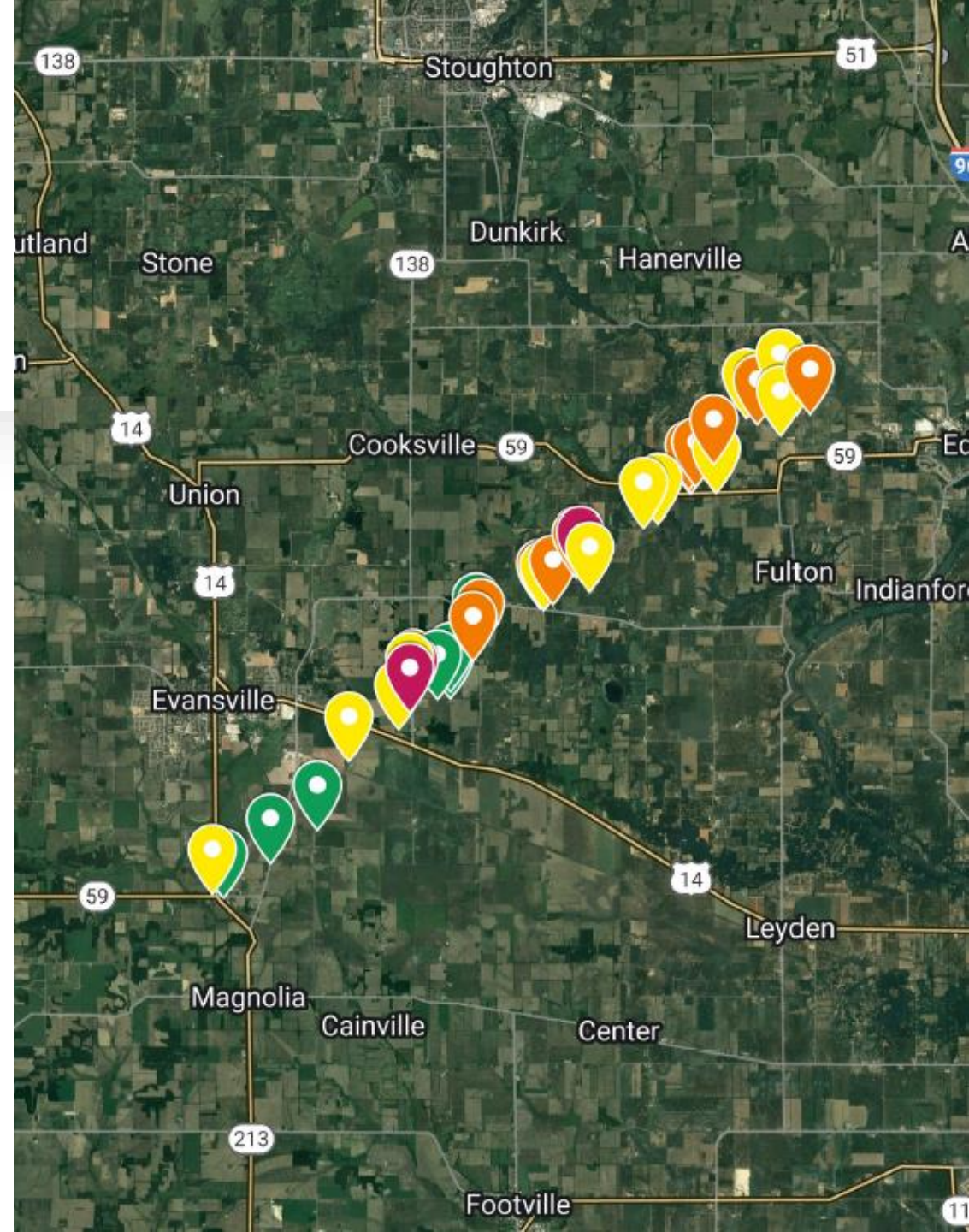
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