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CANNON FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT: Chief McCormick September 21, 2018 11am PHONE: 507-263-2278

On September 20, 2018 at approximately 7:04 pm, the City of Cannon Falls was impacted by the storm that moved across the region. The City of Cannon Falls has been able to make a daylight assessment of the damage.

At this time a significant part of the City is without power, and some roads are still blocked by powerlines and trees, including State Highway 20. The City is in the process of setting up a shelter at the High School for residents affected and to shelter residents from a care center that needs to be evacuated because of a generator fire. The Mayor has declared a State of Emergency for the City of Cannon Falls.

At this point the most help people could provide is to stop driving around sightseeing the damage. The extra traffic is making it very hard for the City's emergency response by congesting the roads and delaying City vehicles moving to different locations to do there cleanup work.

At this time the shelter is in the process of being setup and further details will be provided once that has happened. Please watch for updates on the Cannon Falls Police Department Facebook page or the City of Cannon Falls Facebook page.

The Cannon Falls Police Department wants to remind our residents to report anything suspicious that they may see or hear as soon as possible so an officer can check on what is occurring. The easiest way to report suspicious activity is calling 911.