

PROCLAMATION OF STEPHENSON COUNTY DISASTER EMERGENCY

Under authority of Chapter 127 Section 1113 of the Illinois Revised Statutes, I, John J. Blum Chairman of the Stephenson County Board, upon recommendation of the Coordinator of the Stephenson County Emergency Management Agency, do hereby proclaim that a disaster emergency exists in Stephenson County due to the following reasons:

A series of extremely intense thunderstorms "trained" over Stephenson County from 9:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 22, 2010, thru 6:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 24, 2010, resulting rainfall amounts of ten (10) plus inches which caused extensive flash flooding. There has been an on-going disruption of public service, damage to local roads, damage to local businesses, and damage to publicly owned facilities in Freeport, Pearl City and the surrounding area.

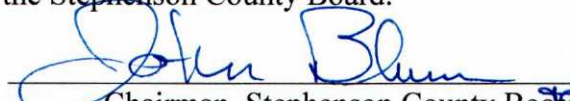
As this document is being prepared, the rain continues and the Pecatonica River is predicted to crest at 16.48 feet, which is near the 1993 flood level.

There has been evacuations of several homes in low lying areas of Freeport and Pearl City, with the American Red Cross opening shelters.

Declaration Continuation: The reason for the need to continue this declaration is the on going Damage Assessment process for homes, businesses, and public assisted agencies and along with the on-going clean up/recovery issues


Terrance F. Groves, Director of Stephenson County Emergency Management Agency is ordered to proceed with all haste to bring said disaster emergency to a rapid conclusion for the best interest of the residents of Stephenson County pursuant to the Illinois Emergency Services and Disaster Agency Act of 1975 and the Stephenson County Emergency Services and Disaster Ordinance of 1976.

This proclamation is effective this 31st day of July, 2010 and shall expire the 07th day of August, 2010 unless extended by the Stephenson County Board.



Chairman, Stephenson County Board

Filed this 30th day of July 2010 with the Stephenson County Clerk.



Stephenson County Clerk

Any order or proclamation declaring, continuing, or terminating a local disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk. 20 ILCS 3305/11a