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Sierra Madre Windstorm Information- Update # 2

At 7:00 am, the Sierra Madre City Manager declared a local emergency due to damage throughout the city from last night's windstorm. There are approximately 20 structures that have been damaged, in addition there are numerous blocked streets, and many roads are impassible. There are also downed power lines and power outages continue.

Residents are urged to remain home if possible. In addition, due to the power outage to the City's water pumping facilities, residents are strongly urged to conserve water.

The City's main priority is life safety, inspecting damaged structures, and reopening roads. City crews have been working through the night, but it will take some time to clear the streets.

Please call the City's main line at (626) 355-7135 for non-emergency calls. Only call 911 for life-threatening emergencies, downed electrical lines, or damaged buildings.

The next update will be at 10:00 am.

Report from 4:30 am

At 12:45 am on December 1, 2011, the City of Sierra Madre activated its Emergency Operations Center in order to monitor and respond to the numerous situations arising from the current wind storm. At this time, there are no reports of injuries. However, there are extensive power outages, numerous downed trees, downed wires, and debris on City streets. Many City streets are not passable because of downed trees and electrical wires. At this time Orange Grove Ave, E. Sierra Madre Blvd, north bound Santa Anita Ave. and Grand View Ave. at Michillinda Ave. are completely blocked.

The City requests your patience as we respond to numerous situations as it could take days before the streets are cleared. Additional information will be provided in the morning, as it is difficult to fully assess the damage overnight.

Residents are asked to use extreme caution as they begin their commutes to work. Please be on the lookout for downed trees, electrical wires and debris on the roads. Do not touch any downed wires; please call 911 to report any downed wires.

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