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## **News Release**

**\*\* Update from Friday May 16, 2025 Severe Storm\*\***

As of 9:00 am the Monroe County Deputy EMA Director Justin Baker was out with the National Weather Service assessing the Monroe County Damage. They were starting in the west side of the county and working south.

Duke energy reported 1000 residents without power, but that number was decreasing due to the efforts from their storm crews. UDWI REMC reported 800 residents without power.

The Monroe County Highway Director, Lisa Ridge stated she had crews rotating throughout the night and today to respond to calls for service and assist with roadway hazards as needed.

W. Ison Road between S. Harmony Road and S. Dunlap road is impassable. This area will take at least the weekend to clear due to the number of tree's, lines, and poles damaged. Other area's in the county are getting cleared up for normal traffic. West State Road 45 re-opened around 10:00 AM, and S. Old State Road 37 is open for local traffic. S. Walnut Street Pike was being worked on at 11:00 AM for a tree blocking the roadway.

We urge everyone to use caution when driving in the affected areas as there is debris along the sides of the roadway.

If anyone is needed some housing resources or additional support, please contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS.