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City of Faribault Receives Significant Storm Damage.

FARIBAULT – At 6:30 PM a Tornado Warning was issued for the City of Faribault. At approximately 6:40 PM a severe thunderstorm struck the City of Faribault causing significant damage. Faribault Police and Fire units responded to multiple downed power lines, trees, small electrical fires, and damaged structures. No injuries were reported despite the damage. The Faribault Municipal Airport received some significant damage to multiple hangers. The Faribault Fire Department and Xcel Energy were able to shut off leaking gas mains. The Faribault Police Department was able to establish a perimeter and secure the airport as property was strewn across the area. The City of Faribault is restricting access to the airport due to partially collapsed structures and for the protection of public and private property. The police department is tentatively planning to allow property owners and leasees access via foot at 8:00 AM with fire department escort to assess. Property owners and leasees may remove property by vehicle after 10:00 AM when the airport is slated to open.

Fire Chief Dustin Dienst stated, “We are happy there were no injuries. Our responders did great work despite the difficult weather conditions. We appreciate the public’s cooperation and ask for their patience during recovery”.

Police Chief Andy Bohlen stated, “All city staff and leadership is working diligently to facilitate recovery operations. More information will be released on Friday”.