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## Neosho Fire Department

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City of Neosho Storm Response – April 29, 2025

Neosho, Missouri - On April 29, 2025, at 8:28 a.m., City of Neosho Emergency Services began receiving calls for weather-related emergencies following a severe storm that moved through the area. The first report involved a motor vehicle accident at Highway AA and Kodiak Road. Neosho Fire Department received 28 calls for service in the first 3 hours following the storm.

An incident command post was established at Neosho Fire Station 1 to help efficiently manage call volume and coordinate responses. Firefighters and first responders worked quickly to assess and respond to damage across the city and service area. Responders went door-to-door in impacted neighborhoods, cleared debris from roads, and assisted with reports of structural damage, including two incidents involving individuals trapped in buildings. Damage included downed power lines, electrical poles, and roof damage. Despite the severity of the storm, no injuries to citizens or responders were reported.

The Neosho Fire Department responded with 22 personnel, alongside 4 personnel from Seneca Fire Protection District and 8 from the Joplin Fire Department. Neosho Police and Public Works Departments provided support by securing storm-damaged areas, managing traffic, debris removal, clearing roadways quickly and safely to allow emergency crews access where needed. Newton County Ambulance District provided medical support throughout the event, standing by to assist with overall emergency operations.

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who played a role in the response and recovery, from mutual aid partners and city departments to citizens who offered help and patience during the storm and its aftermath. We also want to thank all the departments who offered mutual aid; Seneca City Fire Department, Duenweg Fire Department, Wyandotte Fire Department, and Quapaw Nation Fire Department.

A special acknowledgment goes to our Neosho firefighters, many of whom left behind damage at their own homes to respond to calls and serve their neighbors. Their dedication and selflessness embody what it means to be public servants. We are proud of the commitment shown by all departments and individuals who stepped up in this time of need.

Aaron Houk  
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