

NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Manhattan Fire Protection District Responds to
Severe Weather Impact in Manhattan

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(July 16, 2024) On July 15th at approximately 9:44 PM, a large area of the Village of Manhattan, Manhattan Township, and Wilton Center were impacted by severe weather, including damaging winds, heavy rainfall, and tornadic activity.

Widespread property damage has occurred in the Ranch Oaks Subdivision in Manhattan Township leaving residents without power for an extended period. Three homes sustained significant damage from fallen trees, while other houses, structures, and vehicles throughout the subdivision were moderately damaged.

First responders and emergency teams responded to the impacted area with a total of 40 calls for service. A full-still for additional resources was activated with assistants from Frankfort, Mokena, Lockport, and Manteno Fire Protection District.

Powerlines and trees are down throughout Manhattan and Wilton Center. ComEd, Manhattan Township, and Village of Manhattan personnel are managing clean-up efforts.

No injuries to civilians or firefighters have been reported.

Residents are encouraged to avoid down power lines and fallen trees. Residents are being advised to avoid damaged areas. Please stay out of these areas and follow road closure signage to allow first responders access.

An emergency response from multiple local agencies is underway in the affected areas.

In addition to last night's severe weather, Will County is under a heat advisory for today, where temperatures are expected to rise by mid-day. Cooling centers are available throughout Will County at local municipalities. Please check the following map and list for cooling centers in Will County: <https://www.willcountyma.org/warmingcooling>

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