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Governor Branstad declares State of Disaster Emergency in Calhoun County, to assess storm damage in Lake City this afternoon

DES MOINES – Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad today announced he has declared a state of disaster emergency in Calhoun County in response to severe weather that moved through the area yesterday, Sunday, May 10, 2015. In addition, the governor and Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) Director Mark Schouten today will travel to Lake City, Iowa, to assess damage caused by severe weather. **The tour will begin at about 1:20 p.m. in Lake City, Iowa at the Fire Station.**

The governor's disaster proclamation allows state resources to be utilized to respond to and recover from the effects of the storm. In addition, the proclamation also activates the Iowa Individual Assistance Program for Calhoun County.

The [Iowa Individual Assistance Program](#) provides grants of up to \$5,000 for households with incomes up to 200 percent of the [federal poverty level](#), or a maximum annual income of \$40,180, for a family of three. Grants are available for home or car repairs, replacement of clothing or food, and for the expense of temporary housing. Original receipts are required for those seeking reimbursement for actual expenses related to storm recovery. The grant application and instructions are available on the [Iowa Department of Human Services website](#). Potential applicants have 45 days from the date of the proclamation to submit a claim.

The following tour is open to press. Due to travel, all times are approximated. Interested parties may follow @TerryBranstad and @IowaHSEMD with the Twitter hashtag #iagov for video and photo updates from the tour.

Monday, May 11, 2015

1:20 p.m. Gov. Terry Branstad and Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Mark Schouten tour Lake City and assess storm damage beginning at Lake City Fire Station

Lake City Fire Station, which serves as the Incident Command Center
200 N. Center St.
Lake City, IA
Note: Time is approximated

2:20 p.m. Gov. Terry Branstad and Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Mark Schouten hold media avail following Lake City damage assessment

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Outside South Central Calhoun High School
709 W. Main Street
Lake City, IA

Note: Time is approximated. Media availability will be held immediately following the tour.

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