



PRESS RELEASE

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The flooding events across Dickinson County continue with the following details being known at this time.

During the daily status meeting this morning emergency personnel heard a report from the National Weather Service that last night's storms over Dickinson County dropped less rain than originally anticipated, with only about a 1/3 of an inch coming down in the Abilene area, however the western and northwestern areas of Dickinson County received in excess of 2" overnight, so localized flooding and the runoff to the river will be forthcoming. The NWS has forecast more rain after 3:00 pm today, with as much as 1" to 2" of additional rain between now and Sunday morning.

Overnight last night the Smoky Hill River at Sand Springs dropped about 1". Eden Road south of Old 40 remains closed due to high water. Also, since last evening Jeep Road south of 2200 Ave has become covered by water, as well as 2200 Ave east of Key Road. K-43 north of Enterprise is also now closed. Rain Road south of Chapman remains open for the time being. Access to the City of Enterprise currently is via 1400 Ave to K-15 or to Rain Road.

The river level south of Abilene on K-15 remains well below the roadway and K-15 remains open. This is somewhat different than the flood of 93 where this area also flooded and closed the state highway. Authorities are not sure at this time what has changed to allow the lower levels there.

In Solomon the flood waters dropped slightly overnight, but remain up on the west and east ends of Main Street, but the business district of Solomon remains dry. Sandbagging has halted with enough bags done to cover what is needed. Volunteer help in Solomon is no longer needed at this time.

The City of Chapman continues to request help with sand bagging as they have operations set up at the Elementary school parking lot on Irish Drive and at the intersection of 5th and Logan Streets. Volunteers can report to either location to assist. The water around the trailers homes on East 6th Street remains about the same however with the

rainfall received in the Longford area last night that water is expected to move down Chapman Creek and hit Chapman sometime over the weekend.

Individuals needing sand and sand bags can still obtain them from either of the below locations. Locations of the bagging sites are as follows:

Chapman – Chapman Elementary parking lot at 500 Irish Drive

Abilene – Dickinson County Highway Yard, 408 SE 2nd Street

Bags and sand are provided at no cost to those who need them. We ask that anyone coming to get bags or sand be a resident of Dickinson County and that they take only what they need.

Dickinson County EMS crews remained stationed in Enterprise in temporary quarters to allow them to respond to locations south of the Smoky Hill River.

Anyone with information regarding a road closure or high water should report that information to the Dickinson County 911 Center at 785-263-4041.

Any pertinent information, to include road closings, flooding predictions, or other information relating to this incident will be posted on the front page of the Dickinson County website at www.dkcoks.org.

And again, **DO NOT DRIVE INTO WATER**. It is unlawful to drive around a barricade or road closed sign, and very hazardous to drive into water. You have no way of knowing if the road is washed out under the water or not, so abide by the signs and turn around. Below is a photo of what may be below the water that you cannot see!

