



## Police Department Village of McCook

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### **Severe Storm / Tornado Damage**

McCOOK, IL., July 13, 2023: On Wednesday, July 12, at approximately 6:20 p.m., the Village of McCook was severely impacted by severe storms and a tornado that touched down at Joliet Road and East Avenue. The tornado then traveled north-east, damaging many structures on Joliet Road and 47<sup>th</sup> Street. The Village is assisting those affected by the tornado and assessing the damage.

First responders responded to over a dozen calls, with some of those responses being downed power lines, snapped power poles, structure collapses and roofs torn off of buildings.

The First responders worked diligently to mitigate the incidents with the assistance of the Riverside, Lyons and Forest View Fire Departments. Police assistance was also received through ILEAS (Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System), which brought additional officers to the Village to assist with evacuations, crowd control and street closures.

At this time, we have identified over a dozen businesses that have sustained extensive damage, with a few collapsed structures. We are still experiencing road closures and power outages for the foreseeable future.

The Villages disaster proclamation has been posted to the website, [www.mccookfire.org](http://www.mccookfire.org)

Please refer to the Village of McCook's Fire Department website and Facebook page for any further releases or information.

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