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Emergency Operations Center staffed for severe weather

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(CHARLESTON, WV) --- With a forecast for possibly damaging winds and flash flooding, the Kanawha County Emergency Operations Center opened at 6 a.m. this morning to monitor condition

“We’re told to expect two squall lines of strong thunderstorms,” said C.W. Sigman, director of the county’s emergency management office. “So far, the first line seems to elude us. But, this weather has a history of 70 mph wind, hail and flooding in southern Ohio. So, we’ve brought in some staff early to get a jump on things if a bad storm is going to affect us”.

Commission president W. Kent Carper said county officials want to make sure people are prepared and safe. “With this kind of high wind forecast, we have to be concerned about falling trees, power outages, and the likelihood of flooded roads.”

Emergency officials urge the public to be prepared for power outages, and, especially, to not try to drive through flooded roadways.

Sigman says that the Emergency Operations Center will remain staffed until the threat has passed and any weather consequences are solved.