

## Storm damage hits near Fulda on June 11, 2008



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The house on the John Cuperus farm located 7 miles southwest of Fulda lost the majority of its windows



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The barn on the Cuperus residence was blown down by the tornado. A horse, housed in the barn, was found safe and sound in the corner.



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A fifth-wheel camper was tipped over on its top as a result of

**At 5:49 p.m. the Murray County Sheriff's Office started to receive call of severe weather moving into the county. Spotters consisting of the Fulda, Slayton, Avoca, Currie and Dovray Fire Departments were activated.**

the tornado



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A bin on the Cuperus Farm was blown into the trees



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Several other outbuilding were demolished as well on the Cuperus farm



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You can see the path of destruction the tornado took through the Cuperus farm



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Two grain wagons were tipped on their sides on the Cuperus farm



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Another view of the barn on the Cuperus farm

Spotters with the **Southwest Minnesota Amateur Radio Emergency Services, (ARES)**, were also spotting and relaying information to law enforcement personnel in the field.

At 6:00 p.m. dispatch received a 911 call of damage and power outages in the Village of Wirock in Iona Township, of Murray County

While officers were responding to that call Dispatch received another 911 call reporting a tornado on the ground, 2 miles north of Fulda on Highway 59.

6:26 p.m. Murray County Sheriff's Office Dispatch received a 911 call reporting damage to a house and injuries at 2312 41st Street, Fulda. The Fulda Fire Department, Fulda Ambulance, and deputies with the Murray County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene. The house sustained severe damage as well as destroying several outbuildings. A female resident, Terri Stevens, was transported to the Murray County Hospital and was treated and released with minor injuries.

In early damage assessments the house at 2312 41st Street appears to be a total loss. There was also damage to a barn in the Village of Wirock as well as several trees that had been destroyed.

A team from the National Weather Service will be arriving in Murray County during the morning of the 12th to do a formal damage assessment to determine the severity of the storm.