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Sheriff Charles Vondra and Emergency Manager Sienna Wenz from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office would like to update you on the status of this storm:

The number of citizens without power in Charlevoix County has decreased by a couple thousand since Friday. As of today, there are zero Consumer's Energy customers and 1,077 Great Lakes Energy customers without power.

Yesterday, a barge was able to transport utility vehicles, supplies, and water over to Beaver Island. Restoration efforts have already begun, and power is being returned. We expect the National Guard will be available for Beaver Island soon to help our Road Commission with restoration and road clearing.

Our office continues to send food to Beaver Island and other areas needing resources. Should you or someone you know need anything or if you have any concerns, please contact 2-1-1 so they can help find you those resources. If you are looking to volunteer or help in some capacity you can call 2-1-1 to learn of volunteer opportunities through the Michigan Community Service Commission.

We are asking anyone in Charlevoix County to participate in a self-reporting survey. This allows information to be compiled and become reportable to FEMA for potential funding reimbursements associated with this storm. Please go to this link to take the survey:
https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/6e1d8996f0704b9fab5395eecd63a65e

There are two debris drop-off locations available: Northern Michigan Hardwoods 5151 Manthei Rd. Petoskey, MI 49770 and Northern Forestry Products 53 Thumb Lake Rd. Vanderbilt, MI 49795. These locations are open free of charge from 8am to 5pm. Note, they are only taking storm/tree debris, not household debris.

The windy weather today has the potential to bring more trees and powerlines down. Please be cautious and aware of your surroundings. As mentioned in previous news releases, please do not remove trees from the roads or rights-of-way due to the danger of these power lines and trees that are unstable. Do not place storm debris on the right-of-way, it is illegal to do so.

Seasonal weight restrictions within Charlevoix County have not been lifted and remain in place unless authorized by the Charlevoix Co. Road Commission.

We have three warming shelters available: Peaine Township on Beaver Island, St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Boyne City and Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. Reminder, these shelters cannot accommodate any pets.

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