

**CITY OF CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.006**

WHEREAS, on Sunday, September 17, 2023, the City of Calumet City experienced a severe flooding event where an estimated 11.5 inches of rain fell in one hour, resulting in significant damage to property infrastructure and posing a threat to the safety and well-being of our residents.

WHEREAS; This flooding event requires an immediate and coordinated response from city agencies, departments, and other relevant stakeholders to address the ongoing crisis and support the recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to mobilize all available resources and take all necessary actions to ensure the safety of our residents, minimize damage, and expedite the recovery process.

WHEREAS, the severe rain weather event that dropped nearly 11.5 inches of rain has the potential to create conditions of distress and hazard to the safety, welfare, and property of the residents of the City of Calumet City beyond the capabilities of some local jurisdictions and other established agencies and;

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City must continue to be proactive where the health and safety of its citizens are concerned;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all available resources are marshaled and all necessary measures are taken to protect our community, restore normalcy, and expedite the restoration of affected areas; and

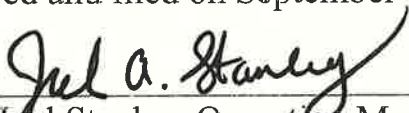
WHEREAS, the Mayor has directed, The Public Works Department, Calumet City Police Department, ESDA, and the Department of Inspectional Services to be on high alert and to monitor the activity of potential harm to residents due to significant storm water in homes to ensure that our city streets are safe, accessible and to protect the life, health and safety of all citizens, and;

Now, therefore, I, Thaddeus M. Jones, as Mayor of the City of Calumet City, by virtue vested in me, do hereby issue the following Executive Order that:

1. I declare a state of emergency within the City of Calumet City, effective immediately and continuing until further notice, in response to the mass flooding that occurred on Sunday, September 17, 2023.
2. The City Water Department determined that nearly 11.5 inches of rain fell within one hour on our streets, causing significant damage; residents' houses and basements were flooded, which impacted streets. Local Streets were flooded, and cars were underwater from the heavy rainfall.
3. Every home in Calumet City has been impacted by the heavy rainfall through either sewer and water backup and the loss of personal items.
4. The State Police closed a section of the Bishop Ford Expressway, which is located near Calumet City, causing traffic jams impacting our neighborhoods. Local parks and recreational centers were also flooded, leading to a disaster.
5. The City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is hereby activated to coordinate and oversee all emergency response and recovery efforts.
6. All city departments, agencies, and personnel are directed to coordinate their efforts through the EOC and provide any necessary support to address the flooding emergency.
7. I request Governor JB Pritzker, President Joe Biden, Congresswoman Robin Kelly, Senators, Senator Dick Durbin and Tammie Duckworth, and state and federal agencies, including but not limited to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), provide assistance as deemed necessary to address the impacts of this flooding event.
8. Further we request that President Joe Biden, Governor Pritzker declare disaster, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle declare disaster to unlock state, county, and federal resources.
9. This Order shall take effect upon execution and filing with the City Clerk.


Thaddeus M. Jones, Mayor

Received and filed on September 19, 2023

Attest: 
Jewel Stanley, Operation Manager