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MEDIA RELEASE

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Subject: Emergency Coordination Centre Activation Due to Tornado

On Thursday, June 7, 2022, at 2:49 PM, Environment Canada issued a tornado warning for Mountain View County. Shortly after, a tornado touched down east of Bergen, and fire crews from Olds were dispatched for mutual aid with Sundre and Cremona Fire to help assess farms and acreages in the tornado's path.

After carefully reviewing the weather radar, the Town of Olds activated its Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) due to the possibility of severe weather affecting the municipality, and key stakeholders were notified.

A reception centre was set up at the Sportsplex to register anyone needing assistance in the event a tornado touched down. Thankfully, the storm passed without further issues, and the ECC was demobilized as quickly as the emergency management team had activated it.

We would like to thank the Olds Regional Exhibition for making the difficult decision to close the farmer's market, and to our mutual aid partners, Sundre and Cremona Fire, Alberta Health Services, and the RCMP for the well-coordinated response.

Because the summer brings adverse weather to this area, the Town of Olds encourages all residents to download the Alberta Emergency Alert app on their cellphones and have a 72-hour kit ready.

For additional information, please contact:

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