

LIVE: HERE IS THE LATEST INFORMATION ON THE CLOUDBURST THAT HIT THE NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BLACK HILLS SHORTLY AFTER 5 O'CLOCK THIS EVENING AND IS CONTINUING AT THIS HOUR.

FIRST...RAPID CITY MAYOR DON BARNETT URGENTLY ASKS ALL CITIZENS LIVING ON PROPERTY ABUTTING RAPID CREEK ANYWHERE IN EITHER THE COUNTY OR CITY TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY. THE MAYOR SAYS THE SITUATION IS GOING TO GET WORSE, BEFORE IT GETS BETTER. THE MAYOR ALSO HAS CALLED FOR VOLUNTEER BOATS. THEY SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE CANYON LAKE CLUB IMMEDIATELY. ALL CITY FIREMEN AND PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN CALLED OUT TO SPECIAL DUTY, AND ALL SCUBA DIVERS ARE ASKED TO REPORT TO CITY HALL.

ALL NATIONAL GUARD UNITS IN THE AREA HAVE BEEN ON EMERGENCY DUTY SINCE THE STORM BEGAN. FLASH FLOODING HAS HIT BOULDER CANYON BETWEEN DEADWOOD AND STURGIS...LITTLE ELK CREEK IS CAUSING SEVERE FLOODING IN THE ~~NEMO~~ NEMO AREA, AND RAPID CREEK ABOVE RAPID CITY HAS RISEN MORE THAN FOUR FEET, FOLLOWING ALMOST SIX INCHES OF RAIN UPSTREAM.

AUTOMOBILE TRAVEL IN THE AREA IS NOT ONLY DISCOURAGED, BUT IN MOST AREAS WEST OF RAPID CITY IS EITHER IMPOSSIBLE OR IS BEING STOPPED BY AUTHORITIES. THERE

LIVE: ARE REPORTS OF MANY BRIDGES BEING WASHED OUT, OR COVERED BY RISING WATER.

ANOTHER EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS ASKS THAT PEOPLE REFRAIN FROM USE OF THEIR TELEPHONES EXCEPT FOR REAL EMERGENCIES. BECAUSE OF OVERLOADED CIRCUITS, PERSONS WORKING EMERGENCY OFFICES ARE UNABLE TO GET A DIAL TONE.

WE MIGHT MENTION THAT BOTH BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS WHO ARE AT THEIR RESPECTIVE CAMPS IN THE HILLS ARE REPORTED SAFE.

LIGHTS ARE OUT IN A LARGE ~~XX~~ AREA OF SOUTH RAPID CITY, ADJACENT TO THE ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL LOCATION.

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY REPORTS OF PERSONS STRANDED IN THEIR AUTOMOBILES, IN ADDITION TO REPORTS OF HEART ATTACKS AND OTHER EMERGENCY ILLNESSES WHERE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE WAS RENDERED DIFFICULT BY THE STORM

WATER OVER HIWAY 79 AT BOXELDER CREEK. ALSO A MASSIVE ROCK SLIDE IS REPORTED BETWEEN KEYSTONE AND THE HIGHWAY BRIDGE. ANOTHER REPORT SAYS THERE IS A BROKEN GAS MAIN AT THE CANYON LAKE DRIVE AND JACKSON BOULEVARD INTERSECTION. THERE ARE REPORTS OF PEOPLE IN AREAS OF HEAVY FLOODING TAKING REFUGE ON TOP OF THEIR CARS AND

LIVE:IN TREES.

TO COOPERATE WITH AUTHORITIES AND KEEP THE PUBLIC
INFORMED, KOTA RADIO WILL REMAIN ON THE AIR AS LONG AS IS
DEEMED NECESSARY TONIGHT IN VIEW OF THE SEVERITY OF THE
STORM AND THE EMERGENCY IT HAS CREATED.

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