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“Sustained winds, rain, damage Finksburg homes”

Finksburg, Carroll County, Maryland, July 31, 2009 ---- On today's date at 2:52 pm Carroll County Sheriff's Deputies received a call to assist the Gamber Volunteer Fire Department in the 2900 block of Constellation Way in Finksburg. Upon arrival, they discovered several homes had been damaged by high winds and rain that had swept through the Star View Estates community. A resident of one of the homes suffered an injury to her arm while attempting to secure her garage door. Trees, sheds, and other outdoor property were also damaged.

Personnel from Carroll County Risk Management responded to the scene. Following an inspection, three of the homes were deemed uninhabitable due to concerns regarding their structural integrity. No additional injured persons were located following a search of the neighborhood. As a precautionary measure, the area was also checked for a natural gas leak with negative results.

Members of the Reese and Sykesville Volunteer Fire Departments responded to the scene to assist. The 2900 block of Constellation Way will be cordoned off by Carroll County Sheriff's Deputies until the homes can be properly secured.

As a result of the storm approximately (3800) homes are without power. Estimates as to the total value of property damaged is pending at this time.