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Stratford, Connecticut – As of 12:00 PM (Noon) on Friday June 25, 2010, The Town of Stratford continues to operate under emergency operations protocols with its Emergency Operations Center open and acting as a central contact point for the Town's public safety and health departments, assisting state agencies and other supporting public utilities engaged in the recovery and restoration effort.

Several areas of the Town are still impassable due to downed trees and power lines. As a public safety precaution, local law enforcement has closed the Lordship section of Stratford to traffic other than that of local residents while utility (United Illuminating) and town Public Works Department crews work in tandem to restore power and clear downed trees. Residents are encouraged to stay away from work area and to avoid travel on local Lordship section streets if possible until this work is completed. As of today, approximately 1800 residents remain without power in Stratford. UI and Town officials are working together restore power as soon as possible.

For traffic and public safety reasons, the Town has decided to close the Short Beach and Long Beach complexes for the day. Both complexes will remain closed until further notice. Similarly, to reduce traffic, be advised that the Town of Stratford will not provide its regular shuttle bus service for seniors in the Lordship area. All other Town shuttle routes and runs are operating normally.

Residents wishing to report power lines down can call the 911 dispatch center where a central log is kept and outages and lines down are reported to public safety departments and UI. Also, residents with tree limbs or branches down can call Public Works to request assistance.