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On May 17, 2019 at 2:45 am, Tipp City Fire & EMS Department was notified of a multiple trees down on structures in the area of Arapaho Trail with people injured. Engine 7 had been dispatched to a fire alarm just prior to the call for the wind event. Medic 1 and Rescue 4 were our first apparatus on scene.

A wind event had caused multiple trees to fall onto structures, across roads, and into yards. Two structures sustained structural damages and many homes sustained damage to siding, decorative trim, shingles, fences, and a variety of miscellaneous items. The power was out to all the Tipp City school buildings, multiple homes and businesses.

Crews were able to access and treat two victims that were asleep at the time of the tree falling onto them through the structure. Both patients were treated and released from Upper Valley Medical Center. The Red Cross was called into assist 2 families that will be displaced by this event from structural damage.

Fire crews were able to block off streets that were affected by downed power lines in the area. The city Streets Department cleared downed trees from the roadways. Electric crews were handling multiple outages and assessing for damage.

Miami County EMA was called to provide assistance. Mutual aid companies from Troy FD, Vandalia FD, and Elizabeth Township FD were called to assist. Electric line crews responded from Tipp City, Piqua, and DP&L.

As a reminder, always stay clear of downed power lines and treat them as energized until a certified crew has the ability to determine otherwise.

All crews were released without incident.

No injuries were reported by staff or emergency crews.

