

Powerful storm rips through Miami County

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A strong storm tore through Miami County on the afternoon of Monday, May 19, toppling trees and scattering branches and other debris across yards and roads.

In Paola, high winds toppled a large tree, which careened down on top of a vehicle, house and shed.

Matt Frampton and Jeremy Barnes of Triton Tree and Turf of Olathe were in Paola with a crew on Monday working to clear the massive tree that fell. It was one of three jobs they had planned for the busy day following the storm.

A tractor-trailer roll-over accident on Kansas Highway 68 took place during the storm, causing traffic to be diverted.

The Miami County Sheriff's Office issued a report stating that the

fast-moving storm caused significant disruption throughout the county, but no injuries were reported.

The Miami County Communications Center handled 91 non-emergency calls and 25 emergency calls related to the storm between 3:15 p.m. and 6:25 p.m. Monday, according to the report.

Deputies responded to six reports of debris in the roadway, five downed power lines, one leaning power pole, one grass fire, two non-injury accidents, and one motorist assist, according to the report.

City police and fire departments were also actively responding to storm-related incidents within their jurisdictions and opened storm shelters as a precaution.

"We extend a sincere thank you to the Miami County Road and Bridge Department



A crew from Triton Tree and Turf works to clean up a large tree that fell onto a vehicle, house and shed in Paola during a strong storm on the afternoon of Monday, May 19.

for their quick and effective response in clearing

roadways," the sheriff's office release stated. "Crews

will continue cleanup efforts over the next few days

to address the remaining storm damage."



A vehicle was damaged by a tree that fell in Paola during a strong storm Monday, May 19, but no injuries were reported.



A crew from Triton Tree and Turf, including Matt Frampton and Jeremy Barnes, work to clean up a large tree that fell onto a vehicle, house and shed in Paola during a strong storm on the afternoon of Monday, May 19. It was one of three jobs the crew had lined up for Tuesday, May 20, following the storm.

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