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# TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

1. DATE AND TIME August 10, 1987 1600 CDT

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) SW of Brandon

3. PATH LENGTH ☐ NOT KNOWN ☐ <1 mi; ☐ 1-4mi; ☐ 5-10mi; ☐ 11-50mi; ☐ LENGTH IF>50mi

4. PATH WIDTH ☐ 5. TORNADO PART OF SQUALL LINE? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN:

6. ANY UNUSUAL COLORATION? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN

7. ANY UNUSUAL SOUND? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN

8. IF ANSWER TO 6 OR 7 YES, ELABORATE;

9. LIST ANY ASSOCIATED PHENOMENA
(Such as hail, vivid lightning heavy rain, no rain, etc.)

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $ 11. TOTAL DEATHS

12. TOTAL INJURED 13. TOTAL HOMELESS

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.

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sertion as dangerous to lives and property.

They pointed out serious shortcomings in the consultant's report, the most glaring of which was a mistaken belief that firefighting equipment could use the Arlington Street Bridge, which is closed to heavy truck traffic.

Use of the bridge was a key factor in another rejected recommendation to close two fire stations — No. 7 on Sinclair Street and No. 2 on Maple Street.

Evans could provide no explanation as to why his recommendations were sound despite the error and he also admitted that he had not consulted with the fire department about his recommendations even though it had asked that he do so.

He said his plan to talk with fire officials was torpedoed by the board of commissioners.

Coun. Bill Neville (Tuxedo Heights) said the conflicts in the fire department's and Evans' positions could have been resolved had the board of commissioners — the city's top bureaucrats — brought the two sides together to resolve the differences.

However, failure to do so left crucial facts in dispute, he said, putting the committee in a position where it could not decide who was right.

"The sharp disagreement between consultant and department placed the committee in an impossible situation," he said. "If the board prevented that consultation, then I don't think it did itself or us any great service."

Others, including Lloyd and councillors Ernie Gilroy (Sargent Park) and Terry Wachniak (Mynarski), went further in their criticisms, suggesting both the board and the consultant had decided in advance to make cuts in the department and then drafted a report supporting the position.



**Firefighters' union chief Dennis Lloyd attacks staff cuts.**

Wachniak eventually was rebuked by both Neville and Mitchelson for repeatedly insinuating that Evans had not conducted an impartial audit.

Evans told Wachniak his firm would not jeopardize its reputation and $450 million in annual business over a single study.

"I can't imagine why we would want to come to Winnipeg to prostitute our integrity over a study of the fire department," he said.

Mayor Bill Norrie, a strong opponent of cuts, said after the committee's 8½-hour meeting ended yesterday that he was "very pleased" with the outcome.

"I don't think there's a great outcry in the public to reduce the level of service," he said. "I think common sense and logic dictates that where we have an expanding and growing city, if you reduce the number of pieces of fire equipment and reduce staff, you're not going to get the same kind of coverage."

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# Thunderstorm, hail lash province

Hail, lightning and funnel clouds were reported during last night's thunderstorm which dumped about 12 millimetres of rain on Winnipeg between 7 and 9 p.m.

Lightning struck a house at 254 Montgomery Avenue in Fort Rouge shortly before 8 p.m., knocking out the power and scorching walls, a fire department spokesman said.

The lightning struck the main power panel causing about $500 damage, he said. No injuries were reported.

Environment Canada spokesman Doug Rosler said there were reports of a funnel cloud in the Sanford area. He said there were no reports of the cloud touching down.

Marble-sized hail was reported by a farmer in the Virden area and pea-sized hail was reported in an area about 19 kilometres south of Winnipeg, Rosler said.

There were reports of trees being uprooted in the Fort Whyte area, as well as a report of a garage door being blown off in that vicinity.

Another system of severe thunderstorms was approaching the city last night, bringing with it the possibility of hail and lightning.

There was the chance of a heavy thundershower overnight, with the system expected to pass through the southern part of the province early today.

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