



## ***Chelan County Sheriff's Office***

***Brian Burnett, Sheriff***

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For Immediate Release

Contact: Sergeant Kent Sisson

Incident #: 19C08947 - Natural Disaster

**Flash Flood with Property Damage - Wenatchee**

Phone: (509)667-6864

Date: 08/10/2019

<http://www.co.chelan.wa.us/sheriff>

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Sheriff Brian Burnett reports three residences were damaged during a storm event Sunday evening in the south Wenatchee area. Residents had to be rescued from one home, but no one was injured.

The initial 911 call was received by RIVERCOM dispatch at 5:07pm as a strong lightning and rain storm moved through the area of the Squilchuck Canyon drainage just southwest of the city. The extremely heavy rain caused mud and debris flows in the Squilchuck Canyon, Pitcher Canyon and Halverson Canyon areas. Storm drains and culverts became overwhelmed quickly as water and mud began running down the roadways.

A culvert which diverts water under the lower Squilchuck Road, began eroding the downslope hillside located above Boodry Street just south of the city limits. The force of the water began creating a deep channel in the earthen slope and which forced a massive amount of rock and mud down the hillside and into a development of single-wide mobile homes. Deputies and Wenatchee Police officers responded and began evacuating the development. A river of mud, rock and other debris impacted the north side of three mobile homes nearly to the roof lines. Children were carried out of one home by deputies and Wenatchee police officers. Three of the mobile homes are now deemed uninhabitable.

The flow of water, rock and debris began to slow by 6:00pm, but more rain was predicted during the evening. Residents of 16 homes in the area were advised they should stay out of the area until the storm completely subsides. Chelan County Public Works engineers and road crews responded and began assessing the slope and clearing the affected roadways. The local Red Cross Office was contacted and was put in touch with residents of the affected homes. See attached photographs. Inquires may be made to Sergeant Kent Sisson.

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