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Kristi –

I want to quickly convey my thanks to the KOAM Team for the amazing job they did this past week in regards to the severe weather experienced in our region.

Their efforts to provide timely and accurate information to the public, without a doubt in my mind, allowed us to escape any serious injuries or deaths in our immediate area.

Having the live-stream of current weather conditions on social media allows my team out in the field the ability to stay up to date, not only with what the weather is doing but with what information the public is receiving in real time. That additional information enables us to more effectively and safely spot the storm and address issues impacting our residents.

Not only were they busy broadcasting live up to the minute information, but several reached out to confirm information they had received or just touch base to see how we were doing or what we were experiencing.

I know in addition to Doug, Nick, Jordan and Dowe, there were lots of folks behind the scenes, working the technical side of things, making sure everything ran smoothly. My thanks extend to all of them as well. I know it's been a long week, but I hope you're as proud of their work and I am thankful for it.

To be honest, it's nice to have professionals we can depend on for accuracy.

Have a great day!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David M. Groves".

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