

Thunderstorms Bring Morning Darkness

Day turned into night as severe thunderstorms, accompanied by intense lightning, passed through the St. Louis area into Illinois in mid-morning today.

The weather observation station at Lambert Field recorded just under two inches of rain by noon, as rain was still coming down. The heaviest reported downpour was 3.45 inches in 45 minutes

near Dupou, Ill., about five miles southeast of downtown St. Louis. Some local flooding occurred after the morning wave of storms and a flash flood warning was issued for Monroe and St. Clair counties in Illinois.

The intersection of Grand Boulevard and Gravois Avenue was flooded by backed-up storm sewers unable to handle

the heavy rains, and some basements of nearby homes in the 3700 block of Tholozan Avenue were reported flooded.

The power plant at the St. Louis State Hospital, 5400 Arsenal Street, was flooded early forcing the hospital to switch to an emergency power supply from Union Electric Co., said Dr. Hilary Sandall, assistant superintendent of the hospital.

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