

UPDATE: 9th victim identified after flooding in Ohio County



Seven victims have been identified after flooding devastated the Wheeling area Saturday.(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

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WHEELING, W.Va (WDTV/CBS News) - **UPDATE (6/26 at 3 p.m.):** A ninth victim has been identified after severe flooding in Ohio County.

Sandra Parsons, 83, of Triadelphia, was found in the Ohio River late Tuesday, according to the Ohio County Sheriff's Office.

UPDATE (6/20 at 10 a.m.): The eighth victim of the flooding in Ohio County has been identified.

Jesse Pearson, 43, of Triadelphia, was killed in the flooding, according to the Wheeling-Ohio County EMA.

The Ohio County Sheriff's Office has confirmed that one person is still missing.

Authorities are actively searching for Sandra Kay Parsons, 83, of Triadelphia.

UPDATE (6/18 at 11:30 a.m.): In a press conference Wednesday morning, Governor Patrick Morrisey confirmed that an eighth person has been confirmed dead after flooding in Ohio County over the weekend.

Morrisey said the victim is a male and that his identity will be released after his next of kin has been notified.

One person is still missing, Morrisey said.

ORIGINAL: Seven people have been confirmed dead after flooding devastated the Wheeling area Saturday.

The following victims have been identified, according to the Wheeling-Ohio County Homeland Security & Emergency Management Agency:

- Michael Veronis, 74, Moundsville
- Connie Veronis, 71, Moundsville
- Lisa McMasters, 59, Triadelphia
- Michael Bokanovich, 73, Triadelphia
- Kyleigh Minch Shotton, 26, Triadelphia
- Parker Shotton, 3, Triadelphia
- Travis Creighton, 19, Triadelphia

Three people are still reported missing.

Officials said 2.5 to 4 inches of rain fell in parts of Wheeling and Ohio County within about half an hour on Saturday night. Authorities said vehicles were swept into swollen creeks, some people sought safety in trees and a mobile home caught fire.

"We almost immediately started getting 911 calls for rescue of people being trapped," Lou Vargo, Ohio County's emergency management director, said at a news conference Sunday. "During this time, we had major infrastructure damage to roads, bridges, and highways, where we couldn't respond to a lot of incidents. So we were delayed in getting there because there was just so much damage."

Vargo added: "It happened so quickly and so fast. ... I've been doing this for 35 years. I've seen major floods here in the city and the county. I've never seen anything like this."