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Bowser and Fenty commit city resources to storm clean-up, power outages

Councilmember and Mayor survey Ward 4 to assess damage, respond to residents

Washington, D.C. – Today, Councilmember Bowser joined with Mayor Fenty and city officials to brief residents and the media on the government’s response to yesterday’s destructive storm that battered the metropolitan region, brought down trees, and left more than 20,000 residents without power. Councilmember Bowser applauded the coordinated effort of the Fenty administration and city agencies to solve these problems.

“Mayor Fenty, the Department of Transportation (DDOT), Police and Fire, and emergency management personnel have responded quickly to clear roads, open shelters, and relay information to citizens and the utilities,” said Ms. Bowser. “Now our priority is to get the power back on.”

Councilmember Bowser and Mayor Fenty then toured Ward 4 to identify neighborhoods where power lines had been downed by fallen trees. They began at the intersection of Longfellow and Colorado Avenue where up to 2,000 residents of several apartment buildings and single family homes are without power, then moved to the 1400 block of Iris Street in Shepherd Park where a DDOT crew had arrived to remove trees. Ms. Bowser then toured Chevy Chase, including Stephenson Place and Aberfoyle Place, where many trees had disrupted electricity service.

“Once we identify where the lines have come down, the next step is for Pepco to shut the electricity off, clear the lines of these trees, and then reestablish power,” said Bowser. “As Chairperson of the Committee with oversight of the utility, I promise to do all I can to get power back to Ward 4 and all District homes absolutely as soon as possible.”

Councilmember Bowser urges residents with downed trees to contact the Mayor’s call center at 311. Those with power outages are encouraged to call Pepco at 877-737-2662.

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A native Washingtonian and former ANC commissioner, Councilmember Muriel Bowser is Chair of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs. She is also a member of the Committees on: Economic Development, Human Services, Public Works and Transportation, and Public Safety and the Judiciary. Visit www.murielbowser.com for more information.

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