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2021 Western KY Tornado Cleanup

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- While we do many things in the community in which we operate in, we felt compelled to share how we made an impact in the community of Dawson Springs, KY which is about 3.5 hours from us.
- Western KY was hit hard with a tornado on December 10th 2021 and it devastated many towns in it's path. Dawson Springs is a small town of about 2,500 people. Over 70% of the homes were completely demolished by the tornado. We felt a call to help. After several days of reaching out to the state, local authorities and friends that lived there, we decided to head down and see where we could help. We rented 3 skid steers with grapples for grabbing debris and took 3 employees along with John & Clay Albright and made our way west about 4 days after the tornado.
- It was such a huge team effort to get us down there. We borrowed trailers from friends and customers, a camper to sleep in from another friend, chainsaws from local dealers and without all of their help we wouldn't have made such a difference.
- The heavy equipment rental companies we deal with regularly stepped up big with providing skid steers and service while we helped out. We're definitely thankful for their contributions!

Dawson Springs Cleanup

Below was copied from our Facebook post:

"Seeing these pictures from Dawson Springs KY is tough... We couldn't imagine this happening to our hometown. We were fortunate to be able to go down and volunteer time and equipment for 5 days last week. John Albright and 3 of our operators, Jeffrey Creekmore, Fredrick Raymond Jr. & Donnie Pass along with Alec Russell (Kate Russell Clevenger) really made an impact. We are thankful for their willingness to serve!

We delivered the camper for them to stay in and are very appreciative for Sam Marple for allowing us to borrow it. Matthew Sowder came in big time with allowing us the use of his trailer to haul another skid steer on. Thanks to WeldQuip Inc. For donating some supplies as well. We've really got some great friends and community.

Thanks to Bobcat Enterprises, Inc. & Boyd CAT for helping on the rentals and for timely service! Big shout out to my high school football Coach Marty Jaggars for getting us in touch with people that could direct us where to go. We'd tried for three days to find out where we could help and he pulled through!

Our crew ran into a group from Anderson County KY and one from Pennsylvania...together they cleared tree debris with saws and equipment and stacked it along the side of the road to be hauled off at another time.

We were provided meals by other volunteer organizations and everybody was extremely welcoming and hospitable. It's going to take a long time just to clean up before rebuilding can ever begin."

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Facebook Post continued:

“The group photo shows our guys and one of our skid steers. The woman in the pink toboggan was the homeowner and some of the folks in the group were with a church out of state helping her sort through her debris. They saw us and asked for help moving larger items they couldn't move by hand so we pitched in and helped this sweet lady get finished cleaning up.

Other photos show our equipment and operators in action moving house and tree debris. It had been raining several days and the ground conditions were extremely wet.

All of our efforts in Western KY were done as a volunteer effort by Caldwell Stone and our employees. We spent well over **300 man hours** down there plus rental costs of over \$10,000 for the skid steers, fuel for 4 trucks and the skid steers. All of that just because we knew they needed help and we had the ability to provide help. We'd do it again in a heartbeat and I know they'd help us if the roles were reversed!



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Group photo at a fuel stop on the way to WKY along with the borrowed camper we slept in for 5 nights in Fredonia



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Each morning, we went to one centralized location and were given work orders by local authorities to complete.

Once a work order was completed we would return the work order and be given another task. They were really Organized considering the circumstances.



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In these photos we were cleaning the backyard up of a resident of Dawson Springs. Their entire Yard was covered in trees before the Tornado. It was great to help them and they were beyond grateful and even watched and helped us while we worked.



By the Numbers...

- 5 Caldwell Stone Employees went to WKY. (that's approximately 50% of our miners, leaving only a skeleton crew back at the quarry)
- 5 nights away from their family sleeping in a camper together
- 3 skid steers (2 rentals and 1 of ours)
- 1 borrowed camper
- 1 borrowed trailer
- 4 generators in tow just in case
- 3 chainsaws
- Gator UTV to navigate the area more easily

Caldwell Stone is extremely blessed to have employees that care for others like we do.

None of the work we accomplished would have been possible without their willingness to serve.