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State agencies responding to assist residents affected by storms

PEARL – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency is coordinating with other state agencies as well as the Salvation Army and Red Cross to assist those affected by severe storms and tornadoes. The following are reports of ongoing operations:

MEMA resources provided:

- Attala County: 200 tarps, Carroll County: 20 tarps, Choctaw County: 100 tarps and one pallet of water, Clarke County: 50 tarps, Clay County: 100 tarps, Holmes County: 50 tarps and two pallets of water, Kemper County: 100 tarps, Monroe County: 100 tarps and seven pallets of water, Montgomery County: 15 tarps, Webster County: 200 tarps.
- Mobile Operations Command Center is in Monroe County, MEMA Communications Unit is in Webster County and MEMA staff are assisting with damage assessments in several counties.

Search & Rescue: Teams deployed to Monroe County, 13 personnel from Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks, 55 local responder personnel trained and equipped by the from Mississippi Office of Homeland Security, DeSoto County, city of Tupelo and city of Columbus.

Mississippi Department of Transportation: Crews are clearing roads and assessing damage in affected areas. A list of road closures and conditions can be found at www.gomdot.com.

The American Red Cross has opened the following shelters:

- Clay County: Bryan Union Hall, 400 Cow Palace Road, West Point.
- Monroe: First Baptist Church, 303 1st Ave., Amory.
- Tunica: GW Henderson Community Center, 1165 Abbay Dr., Tunica.
- Quitman: M.S. Palmer High School, Hwy. 3 South, Marks.

The Salvation Army has canteen locations in Kemper County at the Coy Methodist Church on Hwy 21 at the Kemper/Neshoba line serving both counties as a fixed feeding site. One canteen in Lafayette County in Oxford, One canteen in Monroe County in Smithville and one canteen in Clay County in Montpelier.

Mississippi Department of Insurance information:

- Consumer toll free assistance hotline: 1-800-562-2957.
- Insurance company 800 disaster claim numbers, special link at www.mid.state.ms.us.

Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Services: Disaster response teams are cutting down and removing trees from homes, tarping roofs, as well as feeding and sheltering those affected by the storms. For volunteer information contact the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Services at 888-353-1793 or www.mcvss.org.

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