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Six Deaths Now Attributed to May 1 storms

Pearl – The month of May started off with numerous storms which caused major damage and took the lives of six people in North Mississippi. Those counties affected by Saturday's storms continue to report damages to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency.

The following counties are reporting damages to the State Emergency Operations Center in Pearl:

- **Alcorn:** One death; multiple roads flooded; homes and apartments were affected.
- **Benton:** Two deaths; four injuries; 11 homes and mobile homes destroyed, six with major damage and 23 reporting minor damage; four injuries. Three homes received major damage; five homes received minor damage. Crews are working to restore power.
- **DeSoto:** Flash flooding.
- **Lafayette:** One death; two homes and mobile homes destroyed, one with major damage and 20 homes/mobile homes with minor damage. A shelter has been opened in Abbeville at Abbeville Baptist Church, Long Street. For more information, contact Pastor Randy Hope at 662-801-2697. Power is being restored by the local Electric Power Association. Road clearing and debris clean up are being provided by local and private sources. Immediate priorities are to restore power and remove debris.
- **Lee:** One death; Trees down throughout the county.
- **Marshall:** Twenty one homes/ mobile homes with minor damage; 10 roads with major damage; 12 roads with minor damage.
- **Montgomery:** Two homes and six roads with minor damage.
- **Panola:** Several roads are closed due to flooding; water is getting inside of homes.
- **Prentiss:** Thirty-eight roads are closed due to flooding; 10 roads have been damaged are closed.
- **Tippah:** Homes and buildings damaged; trees and power lines down; local roads impassable due to flooding.
- **Tishomingo:** Several homes are uninhabitable; reports of numerous road closures and other damaged due to flooding.
- **Tunica:** Flooding; power outages.
- **Union:** One death; eleven homes/mobile homes with minor damage; three businesses with minor damage; two bridges with minor damage; scattered outages in Union County with work to restore in progress. Red Cross and fire volunteers are available.
- **Webster:** One injury reported; sixty roads with minor damage; three roads with major damage and one road destroyed.

MEMA personnel and the Mobile Operations Command Center have been deployed to assist with the response in Benton County. Four pallets of tarps are en route from the MEMA warehouse in Pearl to Benton County and one pallet is headed to Lafayette County.

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The National Weather Service forecast calls for continued showers and thunderstorms to move through the state tonight and Monday. Residents should remain weather aware and have a reliable way to receive weather watches and warnings.

Anybody with damage is asked to contact their local emergency management office to report those damages. Homeowners with flooding should contact their local floodplain administrator.

For more information, contact the State Emergency Joint Information Center at 866-920-MEMA (6362), or visit us online at www.msema.org. You can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook using the keyword MSEMA.

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