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### **Initial Weather Damage Reports to MEMA**

**Pearl** – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency has received preliminary reports of damages from three counties due to severe weather that moved through the state Sunday night and Monday morning. At least one injury was reported in Bolivar County.

#### **Initial damage reports by county are as follows:**

- **Bolivar:** Several homes damaged, trees and power lines down and one reported injury.
- **Coahoma:** Several farm buildings damaged and power lines down.
- **Quitman:** Several Homes damaged, trees and power lines down.

These are initial reports from county emergency managers and no state assistance has been requested at this time. Additional damage assessments are underway. The National Weather Service will conduct surveys to determine what type of weather caused the damage.

“Our sympathies go out to those whose homes were damaged and those who were injured. But while the damages were not catastrophic in our state we only have to look at the destruction in Alabama from the same storm system to realize we were very fortunate,” said MEMA Director Robert Latham. “I hope many of our residents took time to prepare their families and homes prior to the storms reaching them. The next time we may not be as lucky. Personal preparedness does save lives”

Every Mississippi family should have an emergency plan and disaster kit ready for the next round of severe weather as well as a NOAA weather radio to alert them of approaching storms. To learn more about how to develop an emergency plan and what supplies should go in your disaster kit please visit our website at [www.msema.org](http://www.msema.org).

The public is encouraged to follow MEMA on Twitter and Facebook for updates. MEMA will continue to provide updates as information becomes available.

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