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Mississippi storm deaths, injuries and damages increase

PEARL – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency has received confirmation of 34 storm related deaths and 163 injuries from severe weather that moved through the state Tuesday through Wednesday night. The most recent death was reported from Marshall County where a firefighter died of an apparent heart attack while clearing debris.

There are also initial reports from 52 counties across the state and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians of 1,822 homes damaged with 663 deemed destroyed or suffering major damage. There are 91 businesses damaged with 54 of those destroyed or suffering major damage. Damage assessments are still ongoing.

Deaths reported by county:

Chickasaw: three deaths.

Choctaw: one death.

Clarke: four deaths.

Jasper: two deaths.

Kemper: three deaths.

Lafayette: one death.

Marshall: two deaths.

Monroe: fourteen deaths.

Pike: one death.

Smith: one death.

Webster: one death.

Yazoo: one death.

The Monroe County Emergency Management Agency will open a phone line at 8 a.m. Saturday for people to report missing or unaccounted for residents. The number to call is 662-305-3214.

MEMA will continue to provide additional reports as information becomes available.

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