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### **MEMA ANNOUNCES INFORMATION ON HOW TO HELP TORNADO VICTIMS**

**Pearl** – Donations are now being accepted for what is being called the worst natural disaster to hit the State of Mississippi since Hurricane Katrina. The storm that ripped through central Mississippi's rural area killed 10 people and damaged many homes and businesses. The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency has received numerous calls from individuals and organizations who would like to aid in relief efforts.

To accommodate those locally wanting to help, the Hinds County Sheriff's Department has set up an 18 wheeler truck at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds to accept non-perishable food, bottled water, clothing and bedding and other items to aid in relief efforts for storm victims. A donation center has also been set up in Yazoo City at 1601 County Barn Road.

The Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service has asked that charities, businesses and individuals who would like to volunteer to register at [www.volunteermisissippi.org](http://www.volunteermisissippi.org) or call (888) 353-1793. MCVS has asked that volunteers stand by until they are contacted.

For more information on how to donate or volunteer, call 888-353-1793 or visit [msema.org](http://msema.org) and click on the donation and volunteer links listed under "NEWS."

Media with questions can contact the State Emergency Joint Information Center at 601-933-6652.

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