

#### **AEMA/Emergency Operations Center**

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# **SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 3**

EMITS INCIDENT #: 14-468 HWO

State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level: I Operational Period: 04/29/14 1900 hrs to 04/30/14 0700 hrs

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#### 1. CURRENT SITUATION: (As of 0400 hrs 4/30/14)

A. BACKGROUND: Severe storms in the form of hail, high winds and tornadoes entered northwest Alabama between 1500 hrs and 1530 hrs on Monday, April 29, 2014. Super-cell thunderstorms moved eastward out of Mississippi and produced significant damage for areas near and north of I-20/59, as well as west of Montgomery and southeast of Auburn.

#### **CURRENT STATUS/EVENTS:**

- **B. TODAY/TONIGHT:** For the evening hours of Tuesday, April 29, 2014 and into the morning of April 30, 2014 there is another enhanced threat for areas south of I-20 and west of I-65. This includes Birmingham, Montgomery, Mobile and Demopolis and defines the area to have the most widespread severe storms and potential for tornadoes and flash flooding.
- C. FUTURE SUMMARY/IMPACT: For the morning hours of Wednesday, April 30, 2014, there will be some showers with occasional lightning, thunder and gusty winds. Skies will begin clearing on Wednesday.
- D. CASUALTIES: Total (3): Limestone (2); Tuscaloosa (1)
- E. INJURIES: Total (16): Lee (11) Pickens (4) Tuscaloosa (1)

#### 2. STATUS OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION:

Federal Declaration Requested: At 1536 hrs on Tuesday, 4/29/14.

**Governor Declared State of Emergency**: The Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency in the State of Alabama as a result of the potential imminent threat of the impacts from severe weather and tornados beginning on April 28, 2014 effective 1900 hrs.

COUNTIES w/ Local Declarations: Cullman and Limestone. CITIES w/ Local Declarations: Athens

# 3. SEVERITY OF IMPACT ON LOCAL JURISDICTIONS:

A. COUNTY EOCs ACTIVATED: Total (45); Autauga, Baldwin, Barbour, Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Chambers, Clarke, Clay, Cleburne, Colbert, Covington, Cullman, Dale, Dallas, DeKalb, Elmore, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Hale, Jackson, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Lee, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, Mobile, Montgomery, Morgan, Pickens, Pike, Randolph, Russell, Shelby, St. Clair, Sumter, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, and Walker.

#### **B. IMPACT ON INDIVIDUALS:**

Counties Reporting Damage: Total (31)

Baldwin: Flash Flooding

Bibb: Trees and power lines down

Blount: (90) Homes (17) Destroyed (33) Major (31) Minor (7) Affected (3) Inaccessible. Three (3) poultry farms were impacted with the loss of at least 15 individual houses.

<u>Calhoun</u>: Trees down <u>Choctaw</u>: (1) Home

<u>Clarke</u>: (5) Homes (4) Moderate (1) Major (1) Garage (1) Vehicle; trees and power lines down

Colbert: (1) Home; Roof damage to restaurant in Leighton, trees and power lines down

Conecuh: Trees down in the Mixonville Community

Covington: (2) Structure Fires , trees down, roads damaged by water

<u>Cullman</u>: (2) Poultry Houses; 22,000 Chickens lost

<u>DeKalb</u>: (15) Homes (5) Major (5) Minor (10) affected; (7) Poultry Houses; (6) Barns; Valley Head Fire Department and Town Hall; 100 ft. of Norfolk railway washed away

Elmore: Trees and Power lines down

Etowah: (100-150) structures damaged/destroyed in Smith Institute Community; including Mobile and Residential homes

Fayette: (1) Structure with roof damage; trees down

<u>Franklin</u>: numerous trees down on businesses, power lines, vehicles and homes <u>Jefferson</u>: Kimberly FD destroyed, Kimberly Church of God heavily damaged, (1) residence in Kimberly destroyed, Graysville FD heavily damaged

Lamar: (1) Home destroyed, Trees down and roads blocked

Lauderdale: Trees down on numerous roads

Lawrence: water over roadways

<u>Lee</u>: Severe damage Hailey Woods Subdivision, trees on homes <u>Limestone</u>: Apartment complex in North Athens and numerous homes

Macon: Trees down and flooding

Mobile: Flash Flooding

Monroe: 13 structures damaged/destroyed in Maiben's Lake area.

Pike: Troy Fire Station radios damaged

Russell: (1) Home, (1) Barn St. Clair: (1) Mobile Home

Sumter: (1) Business (2) Homes (2) Vehicles; Siloam VFD heavy damage to roof and siding

Tallapoosa: (2) Homes (house fires)

Tuscaloosa: Several roads blocked by trees

Washington: Trees down on roads, trees destroyed vehicles (2)

Curfews: None.

C. IMPACT ON BUSINESSES: National Weather Service Mobile office struck by lightning and unable to receive radar data; issuing warnings off of surrounding radars.

# 4. ROAD/TRANSPORTATION STATUS:

<u>Baldwin:</u> SR 181 water over the road at MP 0.9. US 98 water over the road at MP 74.75. US 90 closed due to water and debris over the road at MP 43.4 (Spanish Fort bypass). SR 180 water over the road in several locations along the entire route. SR 182 water over the road in several locations along the entire route. US 98 water over the road at MP 43-48 and 63.4 SR 59 water over the road at MP 9-11. US 31 water over the road at MP 5.5. SR 181, from CR 64 to US 98, water over the road.

<u>Limestone</u>: SR 72 one lane open Lee: SR 169 closed in all directions

Mobile: SR 188 Westbound closed. US 98 at Weston Road water over the road. US 90 at Spring Hill Avenue, CR 49 and SR 188 water over the road. US 43 at 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bay Bridge water over the road. SR 163 at Boykin Boulevard water over the road.

# 5. CRITICAL FACILITIES:

- A. HOSPITALS: None.
- **B. SCHOOLS:** Tuscaloosa County: Englewood Elementary School had roof damage.
  - School closings: None reported at this time.
- C. GOVERNMENT: None reported at this time.
- D. HAZMAT: None

# 6. STATUS OF STATE OPERATIONS: Standing Priorities:

- Life Saving
- 2. Incident Stabilization
- 3. Protection of Property and Environment
- 4. Preliminary Needs/Damage Assessment

#### 7. OPERATIONS SECTION:

# A. ESF - 2 Telecommunications and Information Technology:

- SoLINC:
  - (8) sites operating on generators
  - (2) sites operating on batteries
  - (2) sites off the air (Capacity sites should not affect coverage)
- AT&T:
  - No known issues at this time
- Verizon:
  - (17) cells out of service
  - o (1) cell with batter discharge
  - (2) cells with generator failures
  - o (6) cells with generator running
  - o (6) cells with commercial power failure

#### B. EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH:

**ESF-1 Transportation (ALDOT):** Personnel responding to overnight missions in Mobile and Baldwin counties.

**ESF-3 Public Works and Engineering (ALDOT)** Alabama Department of Transportation crews are responding overnight patrolling roadways, placing signs for road closures/advisories and conducting other activities related to the storm. Numerous advisories for water on the road have been posted for various routes in Mobile and Baldwin counties. Overhead message board on I-10, eastbound at Exits 38, 44, and 52 have messages informing motorists of the closure of I-10 in Florida.

#### ESF - 13 Public Safety and Security (DPS, DOC, DCNR, ABC, and DHS)

- Department of Public Safety DPS is performing traffic control, assisting motorists with wrecks and assessing damage. DPS and DPS aviation are on standby awaiting weather clearing to do rescue operations in Baldwin County.
- Alcoholic Beverage Control (13) officers on standby if needed to assist.
- Department of Corrections (14) inmates and (2) Correctional Officers dispatched to assist the Limestone Sheriff's Office.
- Department of Conservation and Natural Resources/Marine Resources/Marine Police/State Lands- DCNR personnel are assisting Baldwin County with rescue and flood evacuations.
- Alabama National Guard has an authorization of 100 soldiers and currently 61 soldiers are in a State Active Duty status. Liaison Officers are positioned at each Division Headquarters and 20 Military Police with 10 support vehicles are supporting the Department of Public Safety in Division E (Limestone County). ALNG continues to posture troops in order to support potential mobility and route clearance missions.
- Department of Pardons and Parole Personnel on standby to assist if needed.
- Alabama Forestry Commission Personnel on standby awaiting missions to support response efforts.

#### C. HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH:

- ESF 6 Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services Special Needs (DHR, SALVATION ARMY, RED CROSS)
  - Shelters Open: As of 4/30/14 at 0400 hrs

Shelters Open: (8) Total Occupants: (135)

Baldwin County: St. Paul's Episcopal (3), First UMC Fairhope (0)

Blount County: New Life Ministries (20) Etowah County: Sardis Baptist Church (0)

Jefferson County: Bessemer Civic Center (104), Kimberly Community

Center (0), Graysville Senior Center (8) Talladega County: Winterboro VFD (0)

(16) Community Safe Rooms reported open in EMITS: Blount (2), Colbert (13), Jefferson (1)

- Salvation Army: (5) canteens serving meals
  - o Franklin (1)
  - o Jefferson (2)
  - o Limestone (2)
- American Red Cross: Supporting shelter operations.
- Department Human Resources: (20) office closings: Baldwin, Bibb, Blount, Cherokee, Clarke, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Madison, Mobile, Morgan, Tuscaloosa, Washington
- ESF 8 Public Health and Medical Services (DPH): (37) offices are open and (30) are closed.
- ESF 11 Agriculture (AGI): Significant damages reported throughout the affected areas (Blount, Cullman, DeKalb, and Limestone). State & Federal Animal Health officials are doing damage and needs assessments to determine the extent and quantity of damage. Numerous chicken houses are damaged throughout the State with approximately 350,000 birds known to be affected, expect number to be over 1 million as damage assessments continue.
- 211 Ventura County, CA 2-1-1 is tasking after hours calls for 2-1-1.
   They answered 15-20 after hour calls.
- Serve Alabama: Sending messages about volunteering and donations via Facebook and Twitter. Serve Alabama requested to assist Etowah County in opening a VRC at 1300 hrs on Wednesday April 30, 2014. RSVP of Calhoun County will partner with Family Success Center of Etowah County to coordinate opening of VRC. Serve Alabama will have volunteer and donation emails ready to be sent to public on Wednesday morning.
- VOAD: Volunteers continue to support local EMAs to coordinate efforts in helping with search and rescue, moving heavy equipment, chainsaw crews and providing additional help as requested.

#### D. OPERATIONS SUPPORT BRANCH:

County to County Mutual Aid: Numerous requests have been filled.

**Mutual Aid Fire – AMAS Team Status:** (2) Central Area IMT Teams Activated to Assist Jefferson at Kimberly and Grayville. Each team consists of 4 members: Incident commander, Operations, Planning, Logistics officers.

Alabama Law Enforcement Agency: On standby.

State Fire Marshalls: (22) Fire Marshal Agents with (4) wheel drive stationed

across the state ready to assist.

Civil Air Patrol: On standby.

EMAC REQ-A's: None

#### E. INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH:

#### UTILITIES:

- POTABLE WATER/SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS: Nothing reported.
- ELECTRIC POWER: All reported outages as of 1500 hrs 4/29/14.

#### AL Power Company

Total Customers: 1,400,000

Peak Out: 84,000 Current Out: 8,400

Restoration Plan: Majority will be restored today.

#### **AL Rural Electric Association**

Total Customers: 542,801

Peak Out: 13,500 Current Out: 11,287

Restoration Plan: Power crews will assess the damage at daylight.

#### TVA/AL Electric Cities:

Total Customers: 585,000

Peak Out: NA

Current Out: 13,500

Restoration Plan: Crews are working.

#### Critical Facilities Without Power: None

GAS PIPELINES: No Reported shutdowns. FUEL SUPPLIES: No problems reported. SEWAGE TREATMENT: No outages reported.

AIRPORTS: All open

RAILROADS: Norfolk Railway has 100 yards of track out at Valley Head,

AL.

PORTS: Open

Oil and Gas Production: Nothing to report at this time.

#### F. Division Reports:

**Division A:** Activated

No current missions.

**Division B:** Activated

· No current missions.

**Division C:** Activated

Wide spread wind damage to trees and building across affected counties.
 Standing by to assign resources as requested. County EMA's still assessing damage and monitoring forecasted severe weather.

**Division D**: Activated

• Supporting security/traffic control activities in Lee County.

Division E: Activated

No current missions.

**Division F:** Activated

 VOAD active and (4) counties are providing County to County Mutual Aid. Shelter operations ongoing and debris and power outages are the primary concern. Clements Fire Department in Limestone County has damage.
 Valley Head Town Hall and Fire Department in DeKalb County flooded. All State agencies are participating and Liaison Officers providing a unity of effort and close coordination in providing state agency support.

Division G: Activated

- Local Responder agencies in Jefferson County are handling requests from affected jurisdictions.
- Division G continues to assess the situation and is prepared to receive requests and coordinate internally.
- Currently, no ongoing missions.

# 8. PLANNING SECTION: ESF 5 Emergency Management: # Personnel Deployed/ Mobilized:

Public				Div		Base						
Sector	#	Agency	SEOC	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Standby	office
211	3	2 Yr. College	1									
APCO	3		1								2	
		ABC	2								60	
AREA		ADECA										
AT&T		ADEM										
SALV ARMY	11	ADPH	1									
S LINC		AEMA	27									
TVA AL		AFC	1									
VERIZON		AGI	1								12	
VOAD	175	ALEA	1									
JSU		ALNG	2								59	
Troy Univ		ALSDE										
		ARC	1								19	
		ВРР	2									7.887
		DCNR	1								15	
		DHR	1								20	
		DOC	1									
		Inmates										
		DOF										
		DOT	1								100	
		DPS	2								79	
		SERVE AL	1								2	
		SFMO	1									
		Mutual										
		Aid	1									
		ALFM										
Total	189	Totals	48								368	
		Grand Total	605									

- 9. FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION: Total obligations \$42,120.88.
- 10. LOGISTICS SECTION: Nothing at this time.

# 11. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION

- Collecting needs assessments and distributing emergency information through social media.
- Coordinate with media outlets to coordinate staff interviews to inform citizens about preparedness information and ongoing operations.
- Respond to public and private sector inquiries through JIC staff.
- 12. RECOVERY/MITIGATION SECTION: Nothing at this time
- 13. ARFs REQUESTED: None
- 14. FEMA Status Report: None

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