

Alabama Emergency Management Agency



Situation Report Number: 2	SEOC Activation Level: 3/4
Incident Name: 15-1370-HWO	Governors State of Emergency: 12/25/15
Type of Incident: Severe Weather and Flooding	
Operational Period: 12/27/15 1500 hrs -12/28/15 1500 hrs	



Hazard Summary and Outlook

Geographical Area	Watches/ Warnings	Major Impacts
NWS Huntsville	Flash Flood Watch	<p>Widespread rainfall is occurring over the area now and will end west to east this afternoon. The threat for severe weather has lowered significantly. The main threat will be gusty winds outside of thunderstorms which may down trees due to saturated soils. The threat for isolated flash flooding is still possible with any thunderstorms that develop.</p> <p>Flash Flood Watch from TN state line to North of Vernon to Sylacauga to North of Auburn</p>
NWS Birmingham	Severe Thunderstorm Warning Flash Flood Watch	<p>Showers and thunderstorms are expected to occur along and ahead of a front. A few could become strong to severe. Daytime high temperatures will be in the lower to middle 70s. Showers are possible across the east tonight as a front pushes out of the area. Overnight lows will fall into the lower 40s to mid 50s.</p> <p>Severe Thunderstorm Warning in Geneva County until 1500 hrs</p> <p>Flash Flood Watch from TN state line to North of Vernon to Sylacauga to North of Auburn</p>
NWS Mobile	Tornado Watch	Tornado watch in effect until 1800 hrs for southeastern Alabama and northwest Florida.

Life Saving

1. State of Emergency: Issued December 25, 2015
2. State of Emergency Proclamations: (11) Barbour, Blount, Butler, Crenshaw, Covington, Cullman, Jefferson, Limestone and City of Athens, Marion, and Pike
3. Evacuation/Curfew Status: None

1. Shelters Open: (1) total open this operational period (17) total individuals
 - Coffee: (1) Elba Elementary
2. Fatalities/Injuries: (2) Fatalities (Coffee)
3. Road Advisories: (22) total impacted counties with advisories.
Barbour, Bibb, Conecuh, Cherokee, Crenshaw, Cullman, Elmore, Jackson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Marshall, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, Pike, Russell, Shelby, St. Clair, Tuscaloosa, and Walker
4. Road Closures: (32) total impacted counties with road closures
Baldwin, Barbour, Blount, Bullock, Butler, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Cullman, Dale, Dallas, Elmore, Escambia, Franklin, Geneva, Jackson, Lauderdale, Limestone, Lee, Marion, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Perry, Pike, Randolph, Talladega, Tallapoosa, and Walker
5. RRFs Requested: None

Incident Stabilization

1. County EOCs Activated: (29) total EOCs activated throughout the event
Barbour, Bibb, Blount, Butler, Calhoun, Cherokee, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Cullman, Dallas, DeKalb, Elmore, Etowah, Franklin, Geneva, Houston, Jackson, Lawrence, Lee, Madison, Marshall, Mobile, Monroe, Morgan, Russell, Shelby, St Clair, Talladega, and Tuscaloosa

Protection of Property and Environment

Threats or Disruptions to Critical Infrastructure:

1. Hospitals: No impacts
2. Schools: No impacts
3. Airports: No impacts
4. Railroads: Monroe: Dirt has washed over the Alabama-Gulf Coast Railroad tracks at the South crossing on the dirt portion of S. Mount Pleasant Ave.
5. Ports: No impacts
6. Gas Pipelines: No impacts
7. Water: (3)
 - Elmore: Wetumpka Water Works and Sewer Board – Sewer system is overwhelmed and experiencing problems due to infiltration from excessive storm water runoff
 - Barbour: Cowikee Water Authority has a line that crosses Cowikee creek along HWY 49 that is blown out. They do not have the equipment to make proper repairs due to the steep banks, mutual aid with the Eufaula Water Works proved unsuccessful in fixing the problem. They plan to contact a contractor Monday morning to come out and install flex pipe as a temporary fix until it can be properly repaired at a later date. Currently about 20 residences in the Mt Silla area Near the Barbour County Management Area are without water
 - Coffee: The city of Elba has ordered a boil water notice for customers on Brunson Cir. up to the Coffee County Water Authority building and those on Old Samson Rd to the railroad crossing. Citizens should boil all water for human consumption until 24 hours after service is restored. Service is expected to be restored later this afternoon.

Preliminary Needs/Damage Assessment

County Reported Damage Statewide: (13) Barbour, Butler, Chambers, Crenshaw, Cullman, Elmore, Jackson, Lawrence, Limestone, Macon, Monroe, Sumter, and Tuscaloosa

REPORTED POWER OUTAGES STATEWIDE				
Company	Current Outage	Total Customers	Peak Outage	Restoration Plan
Alabama Power	500	1.2 Million		TBD
Rural Electric Association	Nothing Significant to Report	700,000		None
TVA/ AL Electric Cities	1 KB 500 power line out from Cordova, TN to Benton, Al.	600,000		TBD

Reported by Divisions:

Division A:

- Monroe: Numerous roads have been flooded and many remain underwater and may take 1-2 days for all water to clear. Extent of damages cannot be assessed until water subsides Engineering staff & EMA will be working on compiling initial damage estimates next week

Division B:

- Coffee: request Mutual aid from Houston County for a swift water rescue team. A car went around barrier at CR 107 and was swept away 2 individuals recovered 2 are still missing. Houston county swift water rescue deployed. According to report from fly over of area there are 117 structures submerged in the Elba area. Numerous other affected structures where it appears water has risen to floor of structures (trailers). Levee experiencing seepage around ducting on west side of levee near highway 84 bridge. Bridge temporarily closed will repairs are being made. **Request assistance from the local Health Department in issuing tetanus shots for volunteers assisting with flood repairs to citizen's homes. ADPH in Coffee County has agreed to take any one needing a tetanus shot beginning 12-29-15.**
- Covington: Requested 60-100 barricades to block damaged roadways. All county barricades and local state barricades have been deployed.
- Geneva: Homes flooded at Simmons Creek
- Houston: Gordon Bridge boat landing have 2 people inside a home that refuse to come out. Columbia has people in homes that refuse to come out.

Division C:

- Perry: Some minor flooding of pasture land and camp houses along river. A couple of county dirt roads with minor damage.
- Pickens: Tenn-Tom approaching flood stage but no life threatening issues.
- Sumter: Two businesses in Geiger damaged by high winds last night.
- Tuscaloosa: A couple of county dirt roads washed. Tree and power line damage from tornado Thursday night. No other current issues identified. Black Warrior River is rising rapidly and may soon impact a couple of residential neighborhoods in Fosters

Division D:

- Autauga: Broadhead Acres Mobile Home Park and Candlestick Mobile Home Park flooded
- Chilton: A car went into a pond causing 3 fatalities, local Rescue Squad responded.

- Elmore: 15 homes along River Forest Court off of Alabama River Parkway are inaccessible by vehicle due to flooding from the Alabama River.
- Lee: Red cross sheltering 4 people whose home was flooded
- Macon: Requested 10 sets of barricades for flooding: Completed through Mutual Aid with Elmore Count. Macon County Commission reported at least 7-8 bridges over paved county roads have been completely washed out.
- Montgomery: 10 homes in Tin Top Subdivision do not have access and 12 people are effected. Requested 4 ALEA lighted vehicle escorts to assist in the evacuation of 345 inmates from the Red Eagle Honor Farm Work Center to the Staten Correctional Facility, Draper Correctional Facility, and the Elmore County Correctional Facility. Flood gates being opened at the Jordan Dam caused flooding at a Montgomery County farm and 7 horses are stranded as a result of the gates being open. **The Red Cross has notified the Montgomery EMA office that 5 mobile homes have been flooded off of Coosada Ferry Road in Montgomery County. The Red Cross is providing 15 residents (total) with temporary housing and assistance. The City of Montgomery has an CAT 329 DL excavator under water at the landfill.**

Division E:

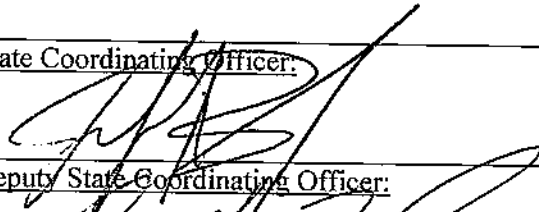
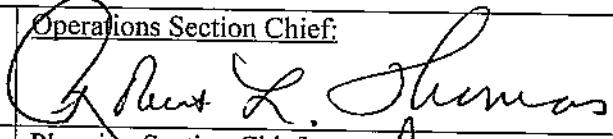
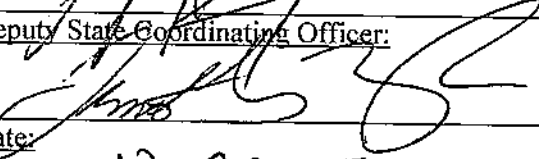
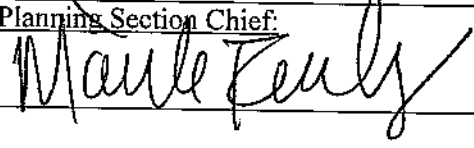
- Lawrence: Request for Mutual aid from North Alabama Association from Morgan County for High profile rescue vehicles and shallow water rescue boats.
- Winston: One road in the Emerald Valley Community off Hwy 63 has prevented movement into part of the subdivision. Another road into the Lake Shore subdivision off Hwy 278 has washed out, again no one is trapped. The county is attempting to install a temporary bridge on one location.

Division F:

- Blount: Rice Town Road & Hillcrest are blocked. 3 residences and would require a boat. County is working to open roads and clear debris. All Major Roads Open.
- Cullman: Extensive Road & Bridge damage. (Needing Barricades) Request is in EMITS and NO Div-F resources are available. Approximately 50 Barricades are needed for County and Hanceville. Tracker messages are 15-03752 & 15-03755.! Residence is blocked by water over the Driveway. State Hwy-91 on both East and West side of I-65 is blocked by as much as 5-6 feet of water over the road on the West side at Dorsey Creek. No barricades are in place and vehicles are getting stalled in water. Mulberry River is of major concern at this time as well as any additional rain forecast for tomorrow. BARRICADES are needed and Mutual Aid has been requested through NAMAA. All Major Roads Open EXCEPT State 91. **Report from ARC Damage Assessment team : Total from 2 days w/all reported residential areas assessed - 6 destroyed, 6 major damage, 6 minor damage, 10 affected**
- Cherokee: People were stranded at a campsite in Northeast Cherokee County rescue squads are in route. Trooper's text message stated that at up to as many as 7 people could be stranded. The incident occurred near the Georgia line in an area prone to flooding no other information has been received at this will update when available
- Jackson: An ADVISORY was issued to residents to stay off roads unless absolutely necessary. County Road 38 has a landslide blocking traffic. Several City Streets in Scottsboro, Stevenson, Hollywood and Bridgeport have been closed due to water across roadway. Jackson County Public Works currently have 2 crews working to repair washed out roadways.
- Limestone: Shaw Road leading to BFNPP remains closed and Limestone has coordinated with TVA. Alternate access is available Via Nuclear Power Plant Road. Extensive road damage in District 4. All Major Roads Open EXCEPT Shaw Road.
- Marshall: 4 Rental houses in Hebron community are evacuated with residents being sheltered by ARC. 1 home isolated but has refused to vacate.

Division G:

- Calhoun: Several water rescues have been made with vehicles stranded in high water. Calhoun County EMA has issued a Travel Advisory via text message alert and social media. Calhoun County Medium Rescue Team has been placed on standby for possible swift water missions. EMA has placed Red Cross on standby to open shelters if residential evacuations are needed.
- Cleburne: Land slide on County Road 94. 4 people cutoff. They are using 4 wheelers to go and come. County cannot repair until it dries out.
- Jefferson: Jefferson Co. EMA advised a tornado had touched down in West Birmingham area of Jackson Ave. Approximately 2 square miles of damage. Jefferson County Roads & Transportation placing Barricades in Center Pointer
- Shelby: Shelby County EMA advised the roads are covered with water in the Kingdom area and several homes can't get out.
- St. Clair County: Issued statement: Road conditions in St. Clair County continue to deteriorate due to flooding. Many roads are impassable due to standing water.

<u>State Coordinating Officer:</u> 	<u>Operations Section Chief:</u> 
<u>Deputy State Coordinating Officer:</u> 	<u>Planning Section Chief:</u> 
<u>Date:</u> 12-28-75	