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Joint Damage Assessments are underway with Federal Emergency Management Agency

CLANTON — Joint teams from the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and local communities are currently working to verify damage figures gathered performed over the weekend. The joint assessments started today; once they are complete the state will review the findings to determine whether or not to seek additional assistance.

“Nearly 200 employees from various state agencies and local emergency personnel worked over the weekend to provide resources and manpower for counties impacted by Friday’s storms,” said Alabama EMA Director Art Faulkner. “AEMA is working to make sure all damage is documented.”

The counties with confirmed fatalities are as follows: three in Autauga County, one in Marengo County and three in Washington County. There are also 18 reported injuries related to the tornadoes in the following counties Autauga, Choctaw, Greene, Marengo and Washington.

The following counties were effected by Friday’s storm either by trees and power lines down, flooding or significant destruction of property: Autauga, Bibb, Blount, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Coosa, Covington, Cullman, Dallas, Elmore, Escambia, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Lee, Marengo, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Randolph, Russell, Sumter, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa and Washington. Of the counties listed Sumter, Marengo, Greene and Hale Counties saw the greatest amount of damage.

The National Weather Service information on preliminary storm reports can be seen at http://www.srh.noaa.gov/bmx/?n=event_04152011 . There is a map-based report of storm activity at <http://gisdev.srh.noaa.gov/stormdamage/damageviewer/> .

For residents with damage they need to be sure to report that information to their local EMA director to ensure no home is overlooked.

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