

GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



STATE OPERATIONS CENTER SITUATION REPORT #4

GEORGIA SEVERE WEATHER- MAY 11, 2008

Operational Period Covered: 6:00 PM Tuesday May 13 – 6:00 PM Wednesday May 14, 2008

CURRENT SITUATION:

The State Operations Center activated at Level 2 in response to severe weather that affected 21 counties across the state. The State Operations Center is responding to requests for assistance as they arise. The SOC will remain partially activated until further notice. Damage assessments continue.

Governor Sonny Perdue has declared a State of Emergency in Bibb, Carroll, Clayton, Crawford, Douglas, Emanuel, Glynn, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Laurens, McIntosh and Twiggs counties.

The National Weather Service, Charleston, South Carolina released the following report on the severe weather event in McIntosh County, which occurred during the early morning hours of May 11, 2008:

A survey team from the National Weather Service Office in Charleston, SC, along with other damage survey experts from across the country have determined that the tornado that struck McIntosh County Georgia Sunday Morning, May 11th was a violent **EF-4**. The tornado beginning and end times are based on radar data combined with credible ground truth reports.

A tornado formed at 9:52 AM about 3 miles Northwest of Darien and tracked East about 11 miles before dissipating at 10:07 AM as a water spout in Doboy Sound.

FIELD / COUNTY REPORTS:

Bibb County

The Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment Team has reported: A total of 1,479 homes were affected. Of this number 93 homes were destroyed, 275 suffered major damage, 569 had minor damage. The America Red Cross has 3 Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs) operating within the City of Macon, 4 additional ERVs have been ordered. Southern Baptist has two cooking teams in the county, one at Glennwood Hill Baptist Church on Rice Mill Road and one at Lawrence Dr. Baptist Church. The Salvation Army has two mobile kitchens set up one at the old Home Depot parking lot on Pio Nono Dr. and the other at Ace Hardware in Lizella. Schools in Bibb County are open, Westside High School and Rutland High School are sharing one facility using a rotating schedule of one day on and one day off for a six day school week. Georgia Forestry Commission will release one "traveling strike team". Per a request from the Department of Agriculture GFC personnel were sent to the State Farmer's Market to assist with debris removal.

Carroll County

The Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment Team has reported: A total of 161 homes were affected. Of this number 6 homes were destroyed, 55 suffered major damage, 26 had minor damage.

Clayton County

The Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment Team has reported: A total of 187 homes were affected by the storm. 137 Minor Damage, 13 Major and 1 Destroyed.

Crawford County

No Report- Damage Assessment Ongoing

Douglas County

No Report- Damage Assessment Ongoing

Emanuel County

No Report- Damage Assessment Ongoing

Jefferson County

The Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment Team has reported: A total of 18 homes were affected. Of this number 5 homes were destroyed, 13 had minor damage.

Johnson County

No Report- Damage Assessment Ongoing

Laurens County

The Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment Team has reported: A total of 35 homes were affected. Of this number 7 homes were destroyed, 13 suffered major damage, 7 had minor damage.

McIntosh County

The Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment Team has reported: A total of 15 homes Destroyed, 11 Homes Major Damage, 5 Homes Minor Damage. The majority of the power has been restored to most of the inland areas. Power to Hird Island should be restored by the weekend. The GA EPD and EPA are still on site at Outboard Rejuvenators cleaning up oils, paints, acids or any hazardous materials associated with operations at the facility. Work by the clean up crew was temporarily suspended today. This was to allow for the remaining boats and debris to be removed, and then the clean up crew will return and remove the contaminated soil. American Red Cross continues to survey the residents and supply needs. Georgia Baptist will have chainsaw crews in by the weekend to assist private residents with clean up around their homes. McIntosh County EMA has requested that the Georgia Department of Public Safety (Georgia State Patrol and Motor Carrier Compliance Division continue to provide security services through the weekend. McIntosh County will begin clean up of the EMS building today. This building was planned to house the joint McIntosh and Long County 911 Center.

Twiggs

No Report- Damage Assessment Ongoing

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS:

Georgia Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters

American Red Cross

The following information is as of Close of Business on 13 May 2008:

- Estimated Total Number of Cases—260
- Total Cases Opened To Date—130
- Number of Outreach Contacts to Date—1,144
- Total Number of Mental Health Contacts—13
- Number of Shelters Open—1
 - Freedom Park Recreation Center, 3301 Rodd Ave., Macon, GA
- Number of Shelter Residents as of Midnight—56
- Number of Meals Served in the State of GA—Yesterday—4,827; To Date—8,984
- Number of Snacks Served in the State of GA—Yesterday—1,210; To Date—1,605
- Number of Emergency Response Vehicles (ERV's)—In Bibb County—8
- Bulk Items Distributed---Yesterday—350, To Date—370

Southern Baptist Convention

Have begun setting up feeding operations. Clean up crews are being organized for Bibb, Douglas, Johnson, and McIntosh. Efforts will be focused on areas of low income.

Tzu Chi – Lou Kuo

Are conducting assessments in areas worst hit areas of Clayton and Bibb County. The Salvation Army and others providing food, beverages, and water in Clayton. Have conducted talks with clients around insurance issues (some refusal to cover tornado damages) and other issues. Tzu Chi-Lou Kuo Will be providing monetary assistance to low income residents in Clayton (Ellenwood).

Woodmen of the World

Flyers are being circulated throughout the Bibb County in attempt to reach those in need. This is being done because some of the hardest hit areas are considered to be, low income areas and people are fearful of losing possessions. In Bibb and Clayton Counties people are fearful of storms predicted to come through tomorrow. Tarps are coming in, but will need more.

Georgia Power

As of 4:15 PM, Georgia Power's Storm Center reported 2,900 customers remain without power. The majorities of these customers are in the hardest hit areas where debris is making it difficult to gain access and re-set power poles.

Next Situation Report will be issued as Situation Warrants.

For inquiries of assistance or additional information please refer to the GEMA web site at www.gema.ga.gov or www.georgia911.org . A complete listing of resources can be found on the website, including shelter locations.