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APRIL 6 STORM DAMAGE UPDATE

(Jackson, Miss.) — The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) continues to work with municipalities and county emergency management agencies to assess damage to homeowners and businesses in 15 counties across the state. The assessments are first-hand, on-the-ground, surveys by teams of local officials to determine the type and amount of damage the strong storm system on April 6 inflicted on individuals and property.

The preliminary damage reports to MEMA indicate approximately 298 homes, 108 mobile homes, 15 apartment complexes, 40 businesses, and 30 agricultural areas were affected by the severe weather, including flooding and tornadoes. The storms caused injuries to seven individuals and contributed to the death of one individual.

The damage report reflected above is as of 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 8. Local officials will continue to provide daily updates to MEMA as survey teams compile information from homeowners and businesses.

“We are working closely with local government to meet the immediate needs of the citizens affected and to utilize available local and state resources to assist in the response effort,” said MEMA Director Robert Latham.

Once all municipal and county damage surveys are complete, MEMA will coordinate with federal agencies to determine if federal assistance will be available. MEMA encourages citizens that experienced damage from the severe weather April 6 to contact their county emergency management office.

The MEMA Emergency Operations Center is currently at level two and includes representatives from the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Mississippi State Department of Health, Mississippi Department of Transportation, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Mississippi Highway Patrol, Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, and the American Red Cross.

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