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Governor Musgrove Requests Federal Disaster Declaration

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has sent a formal request to President George Bush for a major disaster declaration in Mississippi as a result of tornado damage in the state on December 19. The city of Newton, Mississippi, and Newton County suffered a direct hit by a tornado. A total of 55 people were injured in the storm; 10 were hospitalized, two in critical condition. There were no fatalities.

“The joy of the holiday season has been tempered by the destruction from these storms,” Musgrove said. “We need federal assistance to move the rebuilding process along as quickly as possible.”

Musgrove has also requested a departmental disaster declaration from the Small Business Administration. If approved, this declaration would provide long-term, low-interest disaster assistance loans to homeowners and businesses for repair and debris removal.

Over the last 21 months, Mississippi has had six major presidential disaster declarations, two of which were in the last three months.

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