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SUNDAY UPDATE: Weather Damage Reported in Mississippi

Pearl – Initial damage assessment teams assembled from local jurisdictions throughout the state along with MEMA representatives will begin damage assessments today in the hardest hit areas following Saturday's severe storms.

New information reported today to the State Emergency Operations Center in Pearl is:

- Attala: 35 homes damaged, seven injuries.
- Choctaw: unknown number of homes damaged.
- Holmes: 60 homes damaged, 25 injuries.
- Monroe: 24 homes damaged, two businesses damaged, one injury.
- Warren: 69 homes/mobile homes, one business damaged and two roads closed due to downed trees and power lines. One shelter open.
- Yazoo: Homes and businesses damaged widespread damage to trees and downed power lines.

MEMA assigned the Mississippi Wing of the Civil Air Patrol to fly the entire length of the storm track beginning in Issaquena County and ending in Monroe County. Information gathered from the flight will determine if additional assessment teams and resources are needed.

State agency and local assets deployed Saturday that continue to respond include:

- MEMA's Mobile Operations Unit is deployed to Yazoo County, along with area coordinators in Choctaw and Yazoo counties.
- Nearly 80 Mississippi National Guardsmen, including 50 military police are in Choctaw and Yazoo counties.
- An additional 40 Highway Safety Patrol troopers were deployed to the affected areas.
- More than 50 search and rescue personnel taken from three Task Forces in Columbus, Hattiesburg and McComb are deployed in Yazoo County.
- Mississippi State Department of Health's environmental strike team, comprised of water engineers and facility inspectors, are also in Yazoo County.

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MEMA has deployed the following resources:

- 240 tarps, 10 light towers, one pallet of Meals Ready to Eat and two pallets of water to Yazoo County.
- One pallet of water to Holmes County.
- 192 tarps to Attala County.

Mississippi Department of Transportation reports that all state-aid roadways and the Natchez Trace are open.

The fatality total remains at 10, with five deaths from Choctaw County, four in Yazoo County, and one in Holmes County. Release of victims' identities is at the discretion of each county.

Media with questions can contact the State Emergency Joint Information Center at 601-933-6652.

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