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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 began damage assessments today in the hardest hit areas following Saturday's severe storms.

New information reported today since 11:30 a.m. to the State Emergency Operations Center in Pearl is bold below:

- Attala: 35 homes damaged and seven injuries.
- **Choctaw: 114 homes/mobile homes damaged, two businesses, 15 injuries.**
- Holmes: 60 homes damaged and 25 injuries.
- **Monroe: 48 homes/mobile homes damaged, three businesses damaged, one injury.**
- **Union: 63 homes/mobile homes damaged and one injury.**
- **Warren: 42 homes/mobile homes damaged.**
- **Yazoo: 319 homes/mobile homes damaged.**

State agency and local assets deployed Saturday that continues to respond includes:

- MEMA's Mobile Operations Unit is deployed to Yazoo County, along with area coordinators in Choctaw and Yazoo counties.
- **More than 60 Mississippi National Guardsmen, including military police are in Choctaw and Yazoo counties.**
- An additional 40 Highway Safety Patrol troopers were deployed to the affected areas.
- 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:

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

United Way's Mississippi 211 opened its call center today to assist individuals affected by the storm. The American Red Cross is on the scene supporting victims as well. ARC has opened the following shelters:

- **L.T. Miller Community Center, 930 Lamar Ave Yazoo City, Yazoo County.**
- **Choctaw Community Center, North College St. Ackerman, Choctaw County.**
- **Lexington Municipal Complex, 22521 Depot St, Lexington, Holmes County.**

Additionally, the ARC has deployed Emergency Response Vehicles to help with feeding operations and distribution of clean up kits in impacted areas. Mental health officers are also available to provide mental and emotional care.

All classes and school activities in Yazoo county and city have been canceled.

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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