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Additional Weather Damages Reported in Mississippi

Pearl – Several counties continue to report damages to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency from storms which began Saturday, May 1 and continue to move through our state.

Additionally four deaths are now attributed to these storms. Benton County Emergency Management is reporting two fatalities and one in Lafayette County and one fatality in Union County.

The following counties are reporting damages to the State Emergency Operations Center in Pearl:

- Benton: Eleven homes and mobile homes destroyed, six with major damage and 23 reporting minor damage; four injuries.
- Lafayette: Two homes and mobile homes destroyed, one with major damage and 10 mobile homes with minor damage.
- Lee: Tress down throughout the county.
- Marshall: Twenty one homes and mobile homes with minor damage; 10 roads with major damage.
- Tippah: Homes and buildings damaged; trees and power lines down; local roads impassable due to flooding.
- Tunica: Flooding; power outages.
- Union: Several homes uninhabitable.
- Webster: Roads closed and one injury.

MEMA personnel and the Mobile Operations Command Center have been deployed to assist with the response in Benton County. Four pallets of tarps are en route from the MEMA warehouse in Pearl to Benton County and one pallet is headed to Lafayette County.

The National Weather Service forecast calls for continued showers and thunderstorms to move through the state tonight and Monday. Residents should remain weather aware and have a reliable way to receive weather watches and warnings.

Anybody with damage is asked to contact their local emergency management office to report those damages. Homeowners with flooding should contact their local floodplain administrator.

For more information, contact the State Emergency Joint Information Center at 866-920-MEMA (6362), or visit us online at www.msema.org. You can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook using the keyword MSEMA.

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