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MEMA distributes water to City of Jackson

PEARL – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency donated and helped distribute six pallets of water to Jackson residents due to an ongoing water emergency in the Capital City.

The city requested the water to supplement donated water from Kroger. MEMA and city employees handed out the water at the Metrocenter Mall on highway 80 in west Jackson beginning shortly before three this afternoon. Workers say most of the more than 10,000 bottles of MEMA donated water were gone within a half an hour.

“We are pleased that we are in a position to help,” said MEMA Director Mike Womack. “We understand that the demand in this case is greater than our supply but this water will help residents who in some cases have been without running water for up to two days.”

The water was delivered by truck from the MEMA warehouse in Pearl. MEMA stores the water at the warehouse for use in emergencies like this.

The water emergency is due to more than 100 broken water mains throughout the city. Recent sub-freezing temperatures are largely to blame for the breaks in the system. This afternoon the city said nearly half of the broken pipes have been fixed.

MEMA has donated nearly 17 pallets of water to communities around the state due to varying water problems related to the recent cold weather.

MEMA will continue to issue updates as they become available.

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