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### Severe Weather Update

**Pearl** – Several additional counties have reported damage to MEMA from the severe thunderstorm system that struck the state on Oct. 9.

So far, four residences were destroyed or received major damage and 20 other residences were also affected by the storm system. One person died, two people were injured and seven people were displaced because of the severe weather.

MEMA Director Mike Womack asks that residents continue to pay attention to local weather reports as more rain is expected today.

“Avoid low lying areas that are prone to flooding,” Womack said. “It takes very little water to lose control of a vehicle. Never drive your vehicle into areas where water covers the roadway.”

The National Weather Service in Jackson forecasts that widespread rainfall will continue across Northeast Mississippi this morning with hourly rainfall rates around 1.5 inches per hour. The weather services states that persistent rainfall will result in water on roadways and in low lying areas.

The following counties have reported damage to MEMA:

- **Attala:** Trees down.
- **Bolivar:** Downed trees have been cleaned up and damaged roofs covered.
- **Carroll:** Trees and power lines down, one house with minor damage.
- **Chickasaw:** One house with major damage; five houses with minor damage; one mobile home with major damage; three mobile homes with minor damage.
- **Humphreys:** Tree limbs downed and one camper rolled over.
- **Lafayette:** Straight line wind event caused several trees to come down.
- **Leflore:** Trees down.
- **Monroe:** Two houses with major damage; seven houses with minor damage; one mobile home with minor damage.
- **Montgomery:** One home with roof damage; trees down in Duck Hill community; trees down in Winona.
- **Sunflower:** Numerous trees and power lines down; one home with roof damage.
- **Washington:** Approximately 15 mobile homes damaged; three mobile homes destroyed; one fatality because of an entrapment.

MEMA will update information as it becomes available.

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