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MEMA assists Mississippi counties with water needs due to cold weather

Pearl – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency is providing Tunica and Hinds counties with several pallets of bottled water due to water emergencies related to our cold weather. Yesterday MEMA personnel delivered three pallets of water to Tunica County after water tanks threatened to run dry.

Today Tunica County officials are taking up to three pallets of water for distribution to local residents while Hinds County is taking two pallets for use at the Hinds County Juvenile Detention Center and the Hinds County Jail.

Each pallet contains more than 1,700 bottles of water.

Tunica County Emergency Management first reported the water shortage to the State Emergency Operations Center Saturday and believes it is due to too many residents leaving water running to avoid freezing pipes.

This afternoon Governor Haley Barbour declared a State of Emergency for the City of Jackson due to water problems. The recent freezing weather has led several water main breaks causing water outages throughout the city.

The National Weather Service says high temperatures will be above freezing for the rest of the week but overnight lows through Thursday will be below freezing in some areas. Residents in both Hinds County and Tunica County are asked to conserve water where possible.

MEMA will continue to provide updated information as necessary.

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