



Tornado Recovery Exercise

Summary

A series of severe and damaging storms have transited the area within the past few days. The storms spawned several tornadoes ranging in strength from EF-2 to EF-5 in Liberty County.

Storms began in western Liberty County, cutting through areas of Central City, Hutchfield, and Fair Play and unincorporated areas of the county.

Damage Estimates

Initial damage assessment indicates 1050 homes damaged to some degree (225 damaged beyond repair).

Several schools were damaged, two (Central City HS and Hutchfield Catholic) with major damage and one (Fair Play HS) beyond repair.

Many businesses have been damaged. It is estimated that 125 businesses have sustained some form of damage, including (in Central City) one of the two Lowe's stores, Target and three Wal-Mart Super Centers.

Mercy Hospital was severely damaged and is operating at a diminished capacity. A Disaster Medical Support Facility has been established to assist with local medical surge issues. This facility has a current census of 75.

Power is out in 1/3 of the city of Central City and sporadically across 25% of the county and other municipalities. Power is out in the Fair Play area which includes the bulk fuel station. Utility companies estimate total power restoration will not occur for three-four weeks.

Shelters

There are currently five shelters opened in the county with a census of 675 people.

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