



## SITUATION REPORT No. 07 Ground-Hog Day Tornadoes

The Florida State Emergency Response Team

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State Emergency Operations Center Level: 1

Operational Period: February 4, 2007-0700 hrs-February 4, 2007-1900 hrs

### CURRENT SITUATION:

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) remains at Level 1 (Full) activation with full Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) staffing in the State Emergency Operations Center with efforts toward Recovery from the aftermath of Ground-Hog Day Tornadoes. The National Weather Service (NWS) preliminary storm surveys indicate a ¼-mile wide Enhanced Fujita Scale (EF)-3 tornado touchdown at the Town of Paisley in Lake County that moved east crossing the county line through the City of Deland in Volusia County becoming a high-end EF-2. There is initial indication of a second EF-1 touchdown in New Smyrna Beach in Volusia County.



Forward command has been established in Lake County. An Incident Management Team has been identified and will deploy on Monday, February 5, 2007 to support forward operations. Recovery operations will be established at the Joint Field Office which is anticipated to be fully operationally on Tuesday, February 6, 2007.

The President of the United States approved the State of Florida's request for a major disaster declaration for the February 1-2 tornadoes. See **FEMA-1679-DR**.

### WEATHER:

The weather for the impacted counties and the Forward team today becoming partly cloudy with highs around 60. Northerly winds 10-15 mph. Fire Weather Watches in effect for the entire region for relative humidity values below 35% for several hours. **Monday night:** Fair skies with lows in the mid 30s Patchy frost possible.

## CONSEQUENCES:

1. **Fatalities** – There are **15** confirmed fatalities as reported by the **State** Medical Examiners Office as of 02/04/07.
2. **Boil Water Notices:** 3 Mobile Home Parks in Volusia County and The County Fairgrounds. Lake County has a boil water notice for the Blue Parrot Camp Grounds and Hobby Hills Subdivision of Lake County.
3. **Curfews:** Volusia County 8:00AM to 6:00PM. (until 2/5/07)
4. **Sheltering** – 2 shelters in Lake County, 1 shelter in Sumter County, and 2 shelters in Volusia (as of 1700 hrs).
5. **School and Government Closing:** Volusia County: Deland Middle School, Deltona Lakes Elementary.  
**Lake County:** Villages of Lady Lake Elementary School.
6. **Power Outages:** Progress Energy Florida and Sumter Electric Co-Op reported that all customers that can safely receive electric power are back in service.
7. **Road Closures:** No major road closures for this period.

## COUNTY ACTIONS:

County	EOC Status	Local State of Emergency	School Closings
Lake	Partial	Yes	1 – Village of Lady Lake
Volusia	Partial	Yes	2 – Deland Middle Deltona Lakes Elem.
Sumter	Partial	Yes	No

## DAMAGES REPORTED:

- **Lake County:** Two areas of operation – West side of county in the area of The Villages from US301 to the western shore of Lake Griffin, numerous homes and commercial structures damaged, reports of fatalities and injuries; Lake and Marion County Sherriff's Offices are flying impact area at this time; East side of county in the vicinity of an area known as Paisely from the S side of Ocala National Forest to the St. Johns River, County has lost one of it's primary radio towers. There are 3 Points of Distribution (PODS) established.
- **Volusia County:** two major areas of operations – South of Deland to the intersection of I4 and FL44, unknown number of homes (both manufactured and site built) damaged, County damage to the fair ground agriculture center & the local health department, which is a major health care provider; East side of county in the vicinity of SR44 and FL44 w/ 69 homes reported as damaged, no fatalities and only minor injuries reported, dinner cruise ship reported destroyed.
- **Crisis Counseling:** Teams will arrive on February 5, 2007

- **Sumter County:** reports 400 to 500 homes with major damage or destroyed in the vicinity of The Village. Preliminary Damages Assessment teams have been sent out in to the impacted areas.

**STATE ACTIONS:**

- The SEOC is activated at a Level 1 and is operational (24 hours a day)
- The State Emergency Response Team (SERT) is fully staffed
- Mobile Command Vehicle (MCV) is operational in Lake County and reducing hrs of operation to 0700 hrs thru 2100 hrs
- Operations and Plans Sections staff are monitoring the current situation and providing updates as needed
- Florida Emergency Information Lines are activated (800) 342-3557 (24 hours a day)
- Conference calls with counties conducted daily at 1115 and 1715 hours
- SERT briefings are held twice daily at 0730 and 1830 hours
- American Red Cross has set up a website for persons and families affected by a disaster: [disastersafe.redcross.org](http://disastersafe.redcross.org)

**Resources:**

- Three Points of Distribution (PODS) have been identified: Lady Lake, Paisley and Deland.

**Deployed Personnel:**

- Mobile Command Vehicle is fully staffed on scene in Lake County (Tavares)
- FL National Guard: 46 in Lake County to support POD Operations ( Demobilizing today 2/4/07)
- 2 SERT Liaisons in Lake County
- Deputy Logistics Chief in Orange County for LSA operations
- Law Enforcement Officers deployed: 25 state and local in impacted area.
- 6 Preliminary Damage Assessment Team members.
- FDLE Orlando Incident Management Team (IMT) on-scene (Lake County).
- Marion County Type III IMT on-scene (Sumter County).
- 1 ESF 8 Regional Response Advisor located with Forward SERT

**Executive Orders:**

Governor Crist has executed the following Executive Order(s):

EXECUTIVE ORDERS		
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER	DATE SIGNED	PURPOSE
07-21	2/02/07	State of Emergency for tornadoes

**FEDERAL ACTIONS:**

Federal Declarations:

TYPE OF DECLARATION	DATE OF ACTION	PURPOSE
FEMA-1679-DR	02/03/07	Presidential Declaration

**FEMA-1679-DR.** Federal Assistance has been approved for the counties: **Individual Assistance – Lake, Seminole, Sumter and Volusia; Public Assistance (Category A and B) Lake, Seminole, Sumter and Volusia;** all counties in the State are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

- Monitoring the situation and placing Emergency Response Teams-A and Federal Incident Response Support Teams on-scene

**Information & Planning Section:** Intel Packages (Summary of Key Issues, Forecast Reports, Incident Action Plans (IAP), Resource Deployment reports, Pre/Post Indicator reports), Situation and Flash Reports are being developed and published as scheduled. Counties are reminded to email their Situation Reports to [esf5@fleoc.org](mailto:esf5@fleoc.org)

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