



SITUATION REPORT No. 09 Ground-Hog Day Tornadoes

The Florida State Emergency Response Team
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State Emergency Operations Center Level: 1

Operational Period: February 5, 2007-0700 hrs-February 5, 2007-1900 hrs

CURRENT SITUATION:

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) remains at Level 1 (Full) activation with full Emergency Support Function staffing in the State Emergency Operations Center. 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 will remain operational through the next seven (7) days. SERT staff previously deployed for Super Bowl support will be available for relief deployment after time off. Public safety announcements are being successfully carried over major media routes.

Governor Crist has signed an Executive Order. 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 mostly cloudy with a high near 60. Northerly winds 10-15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Tonight mostly cloudy, with a low around 38 with Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

CONSEQUENCES:

1. **Fatalities** – There are **20** 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 general population shelters in Volusia County (as of 1700 hrs).
5. **School and Government Closing:** Deland Middle 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.

COUNTY ACTIONS:

County	EOC Status	Local State of Emergency	School Closings
Lake	Partial	Yes	No
Volusia	Partial	Yes	Yes
Sumter	Partial	Yes	No

DAMAGES REPORTED:

	Affected Habitable	Minor	Major	Destroyed
Sumter Co.	105	219	253	68
Lake Co.- East	11	6	12	7
Lake Co.-Center	36	17	49	165
Lake Co.-East	2	16	8	37
Volusia Co.-Deland	122	113	75	126
Volusia Co.-New Smyrna	7	13	38	22
TOTALS:	283	371	456	434

- **Crisis Counseling:** Teams will arrive on February 5, 2007
- **Health Department Status**

County	Status
Seminole	Seminole County Health Department and Seminole hospitals are fully missioner capable. No reports of injuries or damage to any of our sites. Tornado Watch for Seminole expired at 0800hrs. SCHD prepared to support Lake and Volusia County Health Departments. No tasking received.
Sumter	No County Health Department damage, assisting with staffing in general shelter.
Volusia	County Health Department located at 1330 S. Woodland Blvd, Deland, FL 32724 is closed due to damage. The clinic received extensive damage, and there will be no clinic coverage at this site. Working the COOP plan for site.

The following Disaster Field Recovery Centers are open:

- Atlantic Coast Baptist Church (Volusia County)
1212 Conrad
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169
- Victoria Square (Volusia County)
1706 S. Woodland Blvd.
DeLand, FL 32720
- The Villages
Laurel Manor Recreation Center (Sumter)
1985 Laurel Manor Drive
Lady Lake, FL 32612

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
- 2 Disaster Recovery Centers were open on 2/4/07 in Lake and Sumter County
- 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

Resources:

- Three Points of Distribution (PODS) are operational: Lady Lake, Paisley and Deland.

Deployed Personnel:

- Mobile Command Vehicle is fully staffed on scene in Lake County (Tavares)
- FL National Guard: 59 Soldiers and Airmen on duty
- 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).
- Forward Command ESF 8 Liaison reassigned to support the Sumter County IMT in support of response operations in the Villages area

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:

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

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