



## AEMA/Emergency Operations Center

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# SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 1

EMITS INCIDENT #: 13-0399

DECLARATION ID: None

State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level: IV  
Operational Period: 3/18/13 800 hrs to 3/19/13 1300 hrs

<http://ema.alabama.gov>

## 1. CURRENT SITUATION:

**A. BACKGROUND:** A line of severe thunderstorms entered the northwestern section of Alabama shortly after 1 pm Monday afternoon. As the storms entered the state from MS, they were intensifying due to conditions becoming increasingly unstable in the heat of the afternoon. The storms organized into a squall line, and then proceeded to produce widespread damaging winds and large hail across roughly the northern 2/3 of Alabama. Winds of 60 to as much as 88 mph, and hail ranging from the size of quarters to the size of baseballs, produced considerable damage across this area. The areas of most intense damage were mainly in northeast Alabama, from DeKalb County southward to Etowah, St. Clair, Calhoun, and northern Talladega Counties. While the vast majority of the damage reported was consistent with straight-line winds, storm survey teams from the Huntsville and Birmingham NWS offices have been dispatched to portions of Marshall, DeKalb, and Etowah Counties, to determine if some of the damage in these counties may have been caused by a tornado. The storms on the northern side of the line moved into Georgia around 5 pm, while the storms on the southern end of the line gradually weakened, and were no longer severe after 630 pm.

### CURRENT STATUS/EVENTS:

**B. TODAY/TONIGHT:** A DRY AIRMASS WILL WORK INTO THE AREA ON THIS MORNING. WITH TEMPERATURES IN THE 60S AND LOW DEWPOINTS ... RELATIVE HUMIDITY VALUES MAY DROP BELOW 25 PERCENT ACROSS CENTRAL ALABAMA FOR SEVERAL HOURS DURING THE AFTERNOON. SO EVEN WITH THE RAINS FROM MONDAY...THERE WILL BE A

POTENTIAL HIGH FIRE DANGER THIS AFTERNOON. OUTDOOR BURNING IS DISCOURAGED.

**C. FUTURE SUMMARY/IMPACT:** THE DRY AIRMASS WILL REMAIN IN THE AREA THROUGH THURSDAY. RELATIVE HUMIDITY VALUES MAY DROP BELOW 25 PERCENT ACROSS CENTRAL ALABAMA FOR SEVERAL HOURS EACH AFTERNOON ... RESULTING IN HIGH FIRE DANGER EACH AFTERNOON. THERE IS A CHANCE FOR TEMPERATURES TO FALL BELOW THE FREEZING MARK OVERNIGHT WEDNESDAY NIGHT INTO THURSDAY MORNING. SENSITIVE VEGETATION WILL NEED TO BE PROTECTED DUE TO THE FREEZING TEMPERATURES.

**D. CASUALTIES:** None

**E. INJURIES:**

Calhoun County: 1 injury reported

DeKalb County: 7 injuries reported

Etowah County: 8 injuries reported and additional injuries throughout the county

Marshall County: 1 injury reported

## 2. STATUS OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION:

**Federal Declaration Declared:** None

**Governor Declared State of Emergency:** Statewide 3/18/13

**COUNTIES w/ Local Declarations:** DeKalb County

**CITIES w/ Local Declarations:** None

## 3. SEVERITY OF IMPACT ON LOCAL JURISDICTIONS:

**A. COUNTY EOCS ACTIVATED:** As of 3/19/13: Etowah, Marshall, and Tuscaloosa  
**Previously Activated:** Barbour, Calhoun, Cullman, DeKalb, Elmore, Fayette, Lauderdale, Montgomery, Pickens, Pike, Randolph, Russell, Shelby, and Talladega.

**B. IMPACT ON INDIVIDUALS:**

**Counties Reporting Damage:**

Barbour County: Wind damage. One mobile home damaged.

Blount County: Widespread wind damage, numerous trees and wires down, numerous buildings damaged. One mobile home destroyed and 4 others damaged.

Calhoun County: Numerous trees and power lines down. The roof was blown off of a University-owned housing complex at Jacksonville University. Several reports of residents trapped in homes due to trees/lines down on residence. EMA has a telecommunications outage; no internet or land line phone.

**Cherokee County:** Trees down, power outages, and wind damages. Multiple reports of roof damage, 3 houses with major damage.

**Clay County:** Numerous power lines and trees down in the northern portion of the County. Several house fires and roads blocked. Many residents left without power.

**Cleburne County:** Multiple homes reported damaged. Multiple reports of trees and power lines down, multiple roads closed multiple power outages and structural damage sustained to Hurricane Church.

**Cullman County:** Trees down, structural damage, power outages across county. EMA is on backup generator power. multiple businesses with moderate to major damage, multiple homes with minor to moderate damage, power lines down in Good Hope; 2 businesses with major roof damage, multiple homes with minor to moderate damage, mobile home destroyed, carport collapsed on vehicles in Cold Springs/Ryan's Creek area; power poles snapped, lines down, multiple homes with minor to moderate damage in Crane Hill/Country Mall area; business with major roof damage in Trimble area; mobile home flipped on C/R 783; trees and power lines down in Hanceville area; trees down and some roof damage in the Holly Pond area; signs blown down on I-65 at Good Hope Exit 304

**DeKalb County:** 7 mobile homes with major damage, 5 business, 6 barns and a church also received damages. Trees and power lines down and damage reports at Kilpatrick, Crossville, Fyffe, Rainsville and Fort Payne. 11 mobile homes and 2 businesses destroyed in Kilpatrick. Damage to Farmers Co-Op.

**Elmore County:** Multiple reports of trees and power lines down.

**Etowah County:** Widespread trees down with heaviest damage reported in Sardis City and Rainbow City areas. Approximately 11 homes severely damaged or destroyed. EMA lost one outdoor warning siren. Water main break reported in Attalla.

**Fayette County:** Multiple trees down and damage reports in City of Fayette.

**Franklin County:** Trees down in various locations

**Jackson County:** Multiple trees uprooted and power outages. House with major roof damage and mobile home blown off foundation on County Rd. 162, house with major rood damage on County Rd. 460, 3 chicken houses sustained roof damage on County Rd. 16. All damage in Dutton, AL area.

**Jefferson County:** Widespread power outages and trees and power lines down. Roof damage to a community center in Warrior, and trees down on structure and damage to equipment inside Public Works building in Warrior as well as damage to the a city ballpark batting cage.

**Lawrence County:** Widespread trees and power lines down. One tree reported down on a mobile home.

**Lee County:** Significant number of downed trees in roadways and on power lines reported widespread across county.

**Limestone County:** Trees down on power lines, two utility poles caught fire, one structure fire to home, roof blown off mobile home, power lines down on one residents home, Telephone pole down at New Cut Rd and Zehner Rd. Tractor shed blown over.

**Marshall County:** Multiple trees and power lines down in Boaz, Arab and Guntersville due to strong winds. Roof was blown off Powers Furniture Building

in Albertville. Four buildings damaged and road blockage on US Hwy 431 and Mathis Mill Rd in Albertville. Major power outage throughout Boaz and Arab  
**Randolph County:** trees blown down on top of 3 houses, several trees down on power lines in different locations throughout the county, power outage over half the county. Church in Wedowee has the roof partially blown off and damage to one chicken house.

**St. Clair County:** Multiple trees and power lines down in Odenville and Margaret area.

**Talladega County:** Eight homes reported damaged in Munford and Talladega. Damage confirmed at Talladega Superspeedway and Talladega Airport. Partial roof damage to 4 local businesses and numerous trees and power lines down

**Tallapoosa County:** Trees down, golf ball size hail from Goodwater to Tallassee, one home with roof damage.

**Tuscaloosa County:** Multiple trees and power lines down.

**Walker County:** widespread trees and power lines down throughout county. Two mobile homes overturned in Vaultwood Acres.

**Curfews:** None

#### 4. ROAD/TRANSPORTATION STATUS:

**Blount County:** Advisory: U.S. 31 north of Blount Springs (MM 306.5 thru 307.0) ALDOT crews on site waiting for utility crews to clear lines.

**Cleburne County:** Advisory: SR 9 all directions. Closed Roads: County Road 24, County Road 606, Hwy 78 in Fruithurst, County Road 656, and County Road 499.

**Elmore County:** Advisory: 2300 Redland Road-Tree down across roadway. Advisory: Red Hill - Tree across road, Andrews Mill Road.

**Etowah County:** Closed: Tabor Cut Off is closed from Lay Springs Road to Tabor Road. Advisory: US 11 MM 185.98 to MM 208.24 Trees down on edge of roadway.

**Franklin County:** Advisory: Various locations on AL 19 - Trees down in roadway. Maintenance crews working to clear roadway.

**Jefferson County:** Advisory- I-59 Southbound- The left lane is closed at (Exit 115) Jaybird Rd.

**Lawrence County:** Advisory: SR 33 at various locations in Bankhead Forest area.

**Marion County:** Closed: US 43 @ MP 72.5 to 73.0 Northbound & Southbound Closed: I-22 (Corridor X) Westbound Roadway at milepost 12.

**Marshall County:** Advisory/Impassable: Intersection of US 431 and Highland Avenue- Storm disabled traffic signal at this intersection pole is down. Traffic Signal Crew has been dispatched to restore signal once power is restored and pole is replaced.

**Shelby County:** Closed: SR-119 at MP 5 just south of the intersection of SR-119 and CR-22 (Moore's Crossroads).

#### 5. CRITICAL FACILITIES:

**A. HOSPITALS:** None

**B. SCHOOLS:**

Calhoun County: Roof blown off University-owned housing at Jacksonville State University. Jacksonville State University Library Closed 3/19/13. Alexandria High School sustained roof damaged and is closed 3/19/13.

Cullman County Good Hope School and Cold Springs School closed 3/19/13. Wallace College delayed until 10:00 am 3/19/13. Cullman Co Schools delaying buses 45 minutes 3/19/13.

DeKalb County: Collinsville School Gym damaged.

Etowah County: County Schools are closed 3/19/13.

**C. GOVERNMENT:**

DeKalb County: Collinsville NG Armory roof damaged

Mentone Fire and Sheriff Communications repeaters hit by lightning

Talladega County: Damage confirmed at Talladega Airport

**D. HAZMAT:**

St. Clair County: 2500 gallon diesel fuel spill at the Marathon Gas Station I-20 Exit 158 Pell City, ADEM is en route

**6. STATUS OF STATE OPERATIONS:** Standing Priorities:

1. Life Saving
2. Incident Stabilization
3. Protection of Property and Environment
4. Preliminary Needs/Damage Assessment

**7. OPERATIONS SECTION:**

**A. ESF - 2 Telecommunications and Information Technology:**

- **SoLINC:** No Report
- **AT&T:** No Report
- **Verizon:** No Report

**B. EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH:**

- **ESF-1 Transportation (ALDOT):** No Report
- **Forestry** – Assisting with road clearance
- **ESF – 13 Public Safety and Security** (DPS,DOC,DCNR, ABC, and DHS)
  - **Department of Public Safety** - No Report
  - **Alcohol Beverage Control** - No Report
  - **Conservation** – No Report
  - **Corrections** – No Report
  - **Alabama National Guard** – No Report
  - **Pardons and Parole**- No Report

**C. HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH:**

- ESF – 6 Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services Special Needs (DHR, SALVATION ARMY, RED CROSS)
- **American Red Cross:**  
Shelters Open: Crossville High School; DeKalb County: 15 occupants  
Sardis Baptist Church; Etowah County and First Baptist Church; Walker County were opened, both Closed as of 9:30am 3/19/13  
Elliot Community Center; Etowah County opening at 1400 3/19/13  
First Baptist Church Jasper, Walker County re-opening at 1400 3/19/13  
Total snacks: 15  
Total drinks: 0  
Total meals: 0
- **Department Human Resources:** No Report
- **ESF – 8 Public Health and Medical Services (DPH):** No Report
- **ESF – 11 Agriculture (AGI):** No Report
- **Serve Alabama:** No Report

#### **D. OPERATIONS SUPPORT BRANCH:**

**County to County Mutual Aid:** None requested

**Department of Homeland Security:** No Report

#### **E. INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH:**

- ESF – 12 Energy (ADECA): No Report
- ESF – 10: Oil and Hazmat:
- ESF – 14 Community Recovery, Mitigation, and Economic Stabilization (ADECA):

#### **UTILITIES:**

##### **• POTABLE WATER/SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS:**

##### **• ELECTRIC POWER:**

###### **AL Power Company**

Total Customers: 1.4 million

Peak Out: 200,000

Current Out: 82,000

Restoration Plan: Complete restoration by COB 3/21/13

###### **AL Rural Electric Association**

Total Customers: 900,000

Peak Out: 40,000  
Current Out: 12,000  
Restoration Plan: Most restored by COB 3/20/13

**TVA/AL Electric Cities:**

Peak Out: 71,450  
Current Out: 26,100  
Restoration Plan: Most restored by COB 3/21/13

**Critical Facilities Without Power:**

**GAS PIPELINES:** None Reported

**FUEL SUPPLIES:** No fuel availability impact

**SEWAGE TREATMENT:** No plants reporting outages

**AIRPORTS:** No closures reported

**RAILROADS:** No closures reported

**PORTS:** Open

**Oil and Gas Production:** No effect

**F. Division Reports: Current Situation:**

**Division A:** No Report

**Division B:** No Report

**Division C:** Numerous trees and scattered power lines were down in impacted counties. No serious injuries reported. A number of vehicles and roofs were damaged by large hail.

**Division D:** Two impacted counties in Division: Elmore County EMA Director reports things are getting back to normal and Randolph County EMA Director reports there are still some power issues. Both counties reported no known safety issues.

**Division E:** Walker County impacted. Straight line wind damage is seen across the county. A loss of power due to trees on power lines and there are trees blocking major and secondary roads. All roads are open and power should be restored by 5:00 PM 3/19/13.

**Division F:** All counties impacted in Division. Damage appears to be widespread throughout Division F. Numerous trees and scattered power lines were down and

Continuing to identify any needs / none identified at this time. This Division was the most heavily impacted for this Hazardous Weather Event.

**Division G:** Personnel travelling within damage area must travel with caution due to road blockage/downed power lines. Damage appears to be widespread throughout Division G. Continuing to identify any needs / none identified at this time.

## 8. PLANNING SECTION: ESF 5 Emergency Management: # Personnel Deployed/ Mobilized

<b>SEOC</b>			
<b>Current as of: 3/19/13 14:00 pm</b>			
ALNG	0	DHS	0
ABC	0	DOC	0
ADECA	0	DOC Inmates	0
ADEM	0	DOT	0
ADPH	0	DPS	0
AEMA	13	EMAC	0
AGI	0	FOR	8
ALSDE	0	Serve AL	0
ARC	30	GSA	0
AREA	0	Mutual Aid	0
DCNR	0	Salv Army	0
DHR	0	BPP	0
211	0	VOAD	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>51</b>

**9. FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION:** No Report

**10. LOGISTICS SECTION:** No report

**11. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION:** Continuing to keep the public updated through social media.

**12. RECOVERY/MITIGATION SECTION:** No Report

**13. ARFs REQUESTED:** None

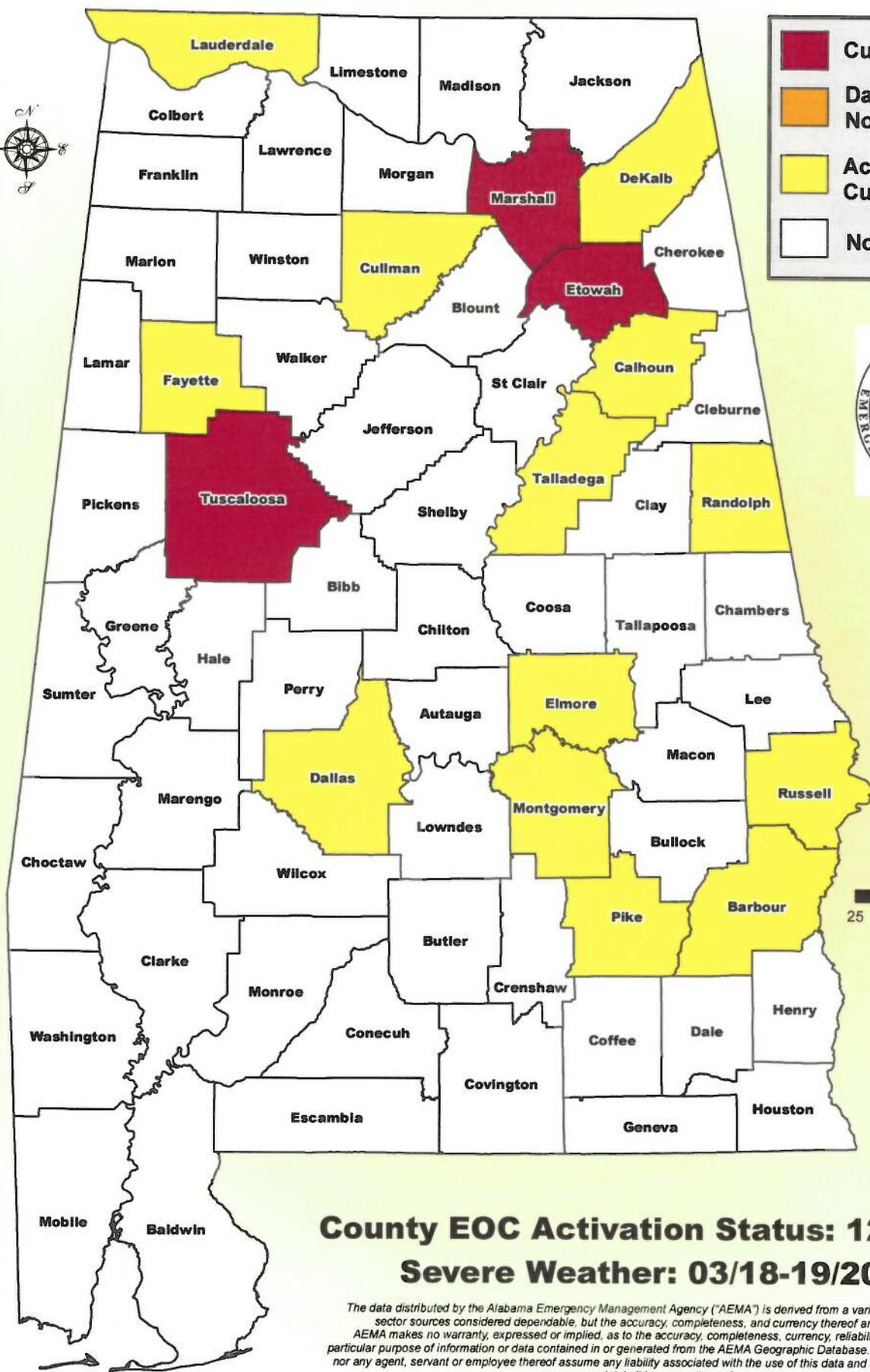
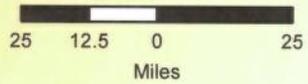
**14. FEMA Status Report:** No Report



- Currently Activated
- Damage Reported; No Official Activation
- Activated Earlier; Currently Deactivated
- No Activation

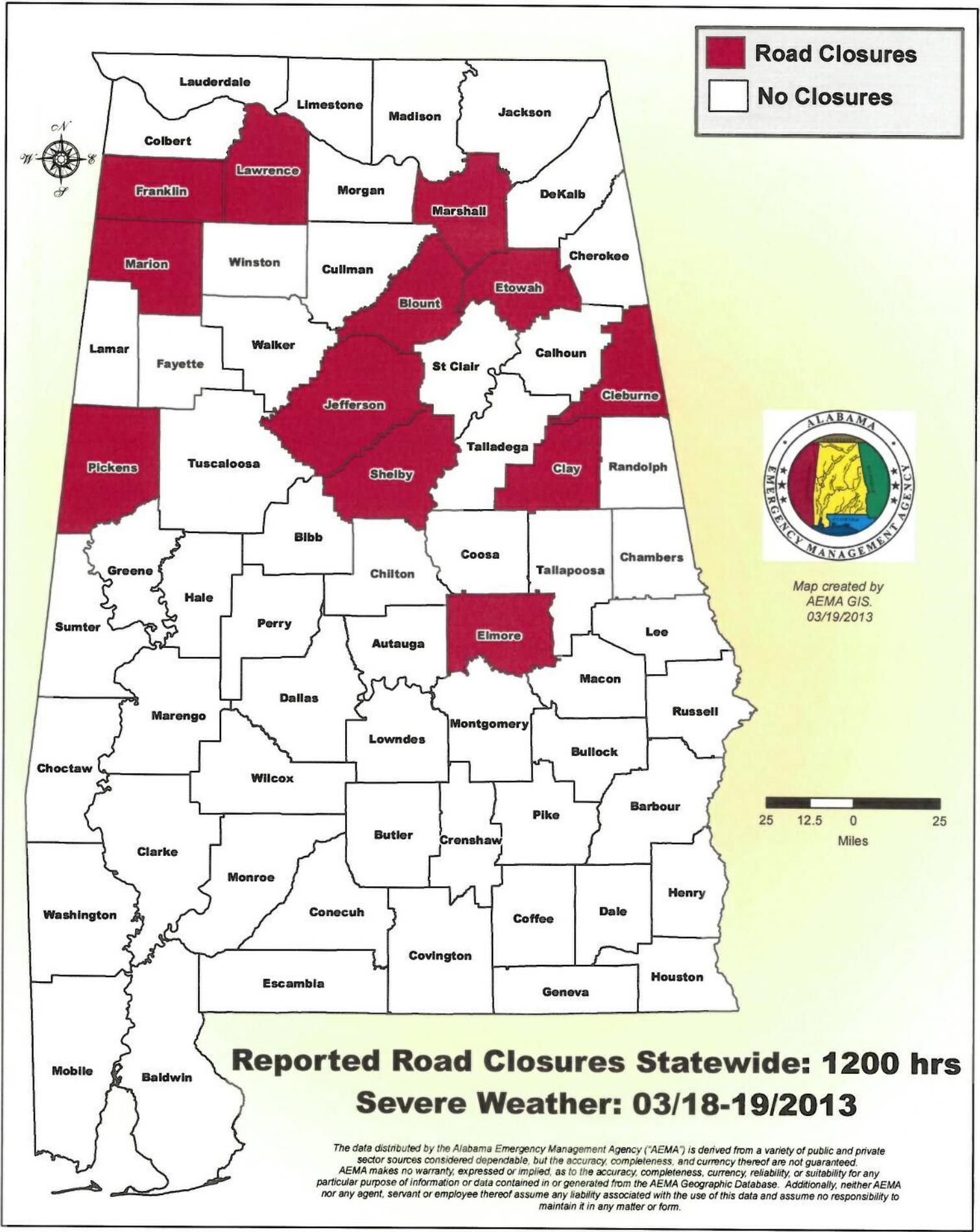


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## County EOC Activation Status: 1200 hrs Severe Weather: 03/18-19/2013

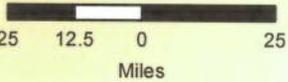
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Road Closures  
 No Closures



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**Reported Road Closures Statewide: 1200 hrs**  
**Severe Weather: 03/18-19/2013**

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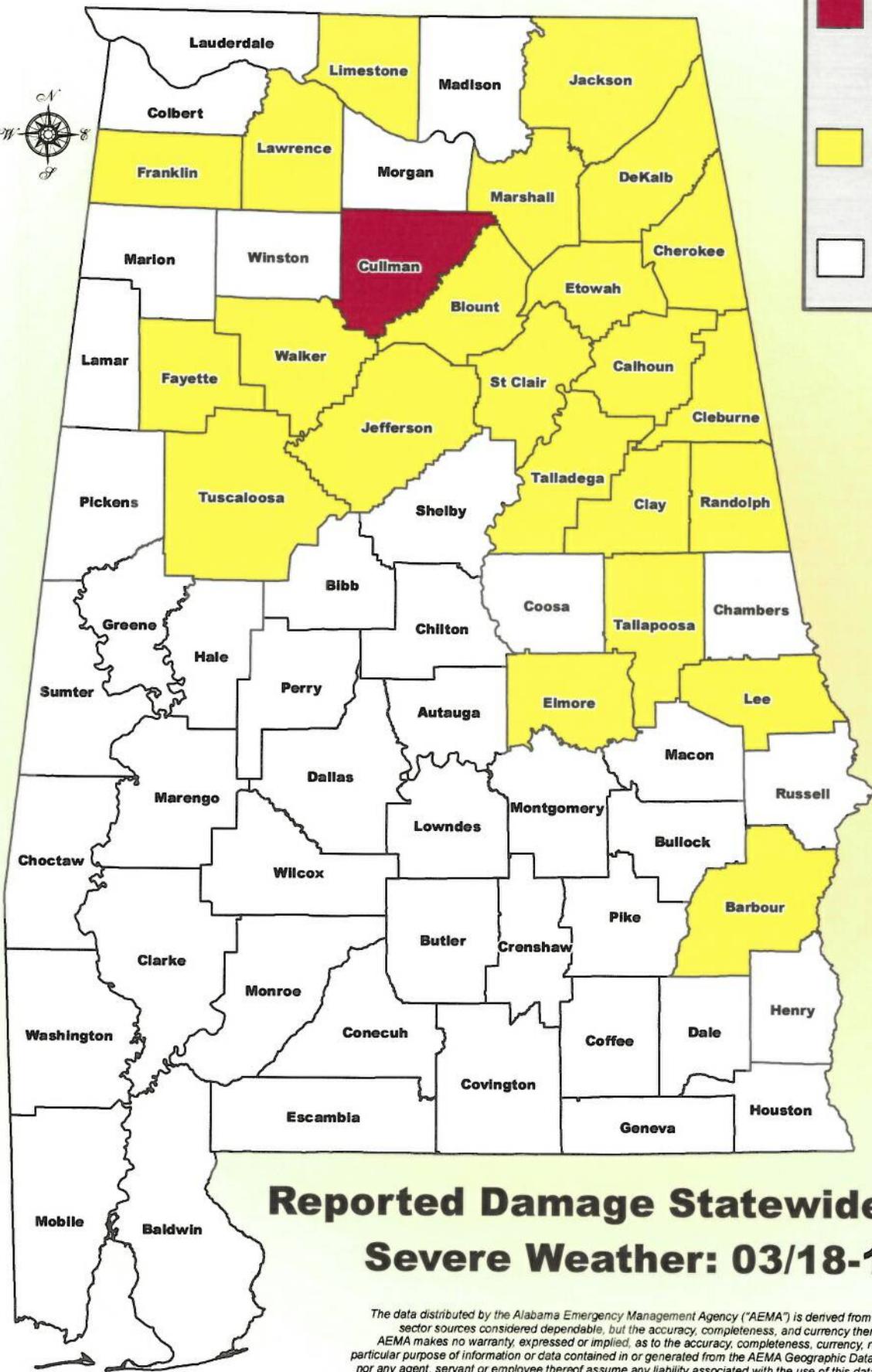
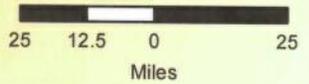
**Heavy Damage**  
Multiple damage reports (EMITS) to infrastructure and/or casualties reported.

**Light Damage**  
Minor damage reported via EMITS.

**No Damage**  
No reports of damage.



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# Reported Damage Statewide: 1200 hrs Severe Weather: 03/18-19/2013

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STATE OF ALABAMA  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alabama has experienced high winds and storm conditions that have left thousands of Alabama homes and businesses without power;

**WHEREAS**, work crews will have to work many hours to restore power;

**WHEREAS**, power restoration crews will be requested from other states to assist in power restoration;

**WHEREAS**, these conditions threaten public health and safety and endanger public property if power cannot be restored to Alabama homes and businesses;

**WHEREAS**, these conditions are expected to continue until March 23, 2013;

**WHEREAS**, the declaration of a State of Emergency will facilitate the granting of a waiver from the U. S. Department of Transportation – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration pursuant to 49 CFR Section 390.23, to allow relief from 49 CFR Sections 390 through 399, and subject to the limitations described below; and,

**WHEREAS**, motor carriers that have an Out-Of-Service Order in effect may not take advantage of the relief from regulation that this declaration provides under 49 CFR 390.23.

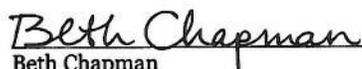
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Alabama and for the purpose pursuant to 49 CFR Section 390.23 of facilitating a waiver to the U. S. Department of Transportation – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, specifically 49 CFR Section 395 (Hours of Service for Drivers) as it relates to electrical line repair, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists as of March 18, 2013 through March 23, 2013 unless sooner terminated.



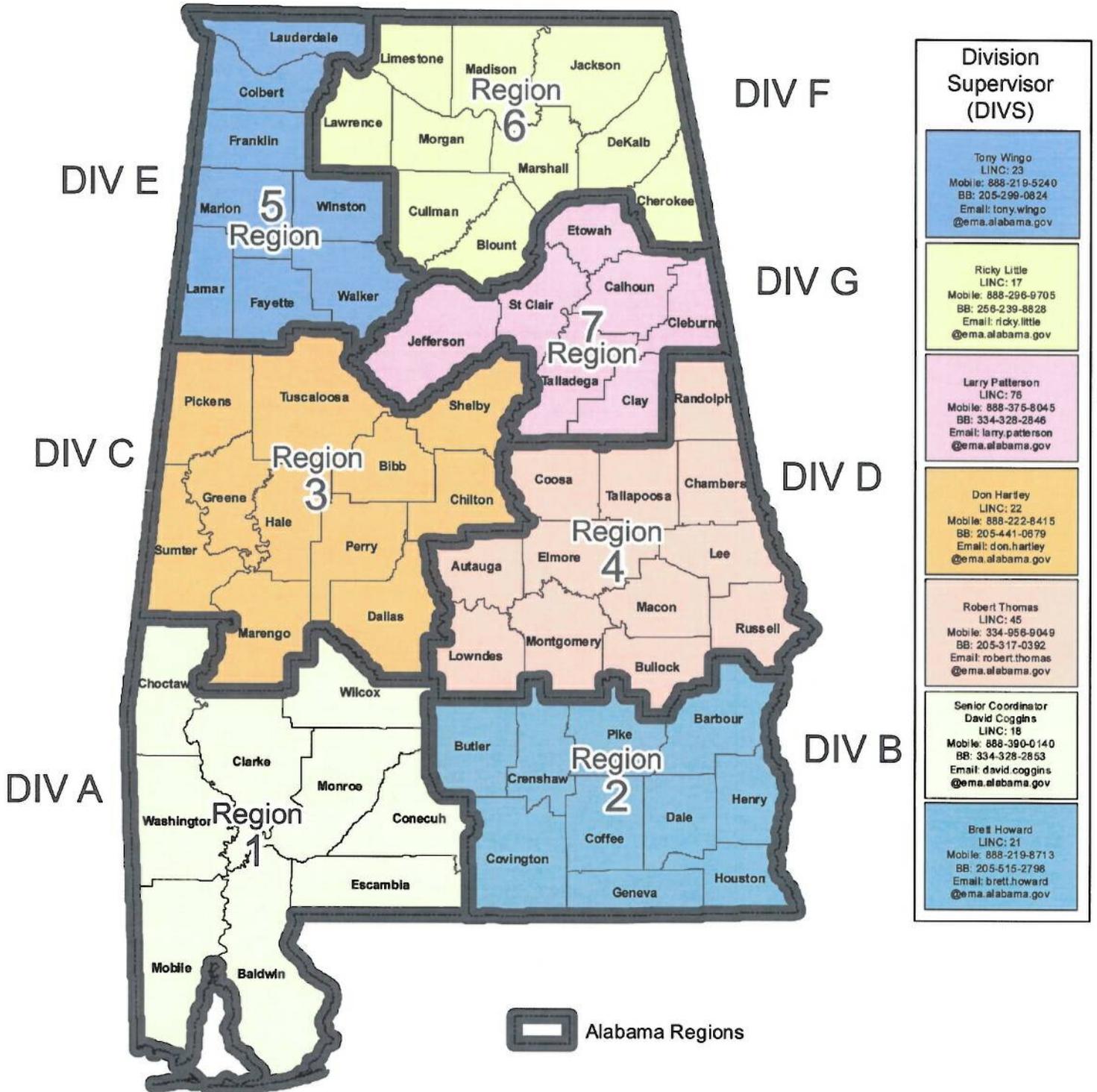
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this 18 day of March, 2013.

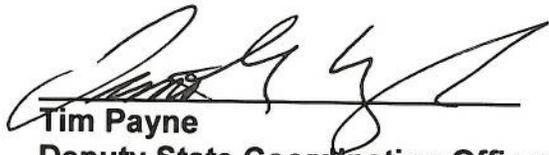
  
Robert Bentley  
Governor

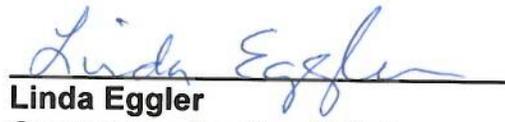
Attested

  
Beth Chapman  
Secretary of State

# ALABAMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISIONS



  
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*March 19, 2013*

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**Date**