

ABAMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

INCIDENT UPDATE REPORT #9 03/22/2018 0800HRS

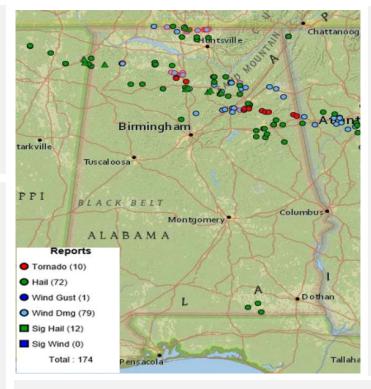


ACTIVATION STATUS

<u>State of Emergency</u>: 3/20/18 <u>Local Emergency Declarations</u>: (5) Calhoun, Cherokee, Cullman, Etowah, & Limestone <u>SEOC Activated</u>: Level 3

COUNTY REPORTS

EOCs Activated: (4) Calhoun, Cullman, Etowah & Marshall Reported Damages: (13) Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, Cullman, Etowah, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, & St. Clair Counties Reporting Injuries: (4) Calhoun, Dekalb, Etowah & Marshall **County Reported School** Delays: JSU campus will be closed until 4/2/18 **Reported Power Outages:** 850+ Statewide Open Shelters: (1) Calhoun: Eagle Point Church: (3) current occupants



WEATHER SUMMARY

A powerful severe weather system produced a broken line of supercell thunderstorms and affected areas near and north of I-20 from 1 pm until approximately 1030 pm CDT on 3/19/18. This included numerous reports of quarter to baseball size hail, straightline wind damage, flash flooding and tornadoes. The most intense damage was located near and north of I-20, and near and east of I-65, but damage also occurred in the northwest sections of the state. NWS storm surveys are still ongoing and have confirmed **(15)** tornado touchdowns across the state:

Thomas Yates Road Tornado: EF-0 Blount Mountain Tornado: EF-1 Ashville/Southside Tornado: EF-2 Centre Tornado: EF-1 Jacksonville Tornado: EF-3 Cedar Creek Lake Tornado: EF-1 Russellville Tornado: EF-1 Limestone County Tornado: EF-2 Hazel Green Tornado: EF-1 Mount Hope Tornado: EF-0 Massey Tornado: EF-1 Horton Tornado: EF-1 Francisco Tornado: EF-0 Coondog Cemetery Tornado: EF-0 Speake Tornado: EF-1

STATE RESPONSE ACTIONS

<u>AEMA:</u> Communications Incident Support Unit deployed to Calhoun County Staff deployed to Etowah and Calhoun Counties to coordinate mutual aid and support local response operations.

Structural Engineers Association of Alabama: Structural Engineers onsite in Calhoun County to assess building stability.

Salvation Army: (4) Feeding units in Jacksonville, AL. The large Birmingham Canteen (mobile kitchen) was deployed to the Wal-Mart parking lot to serve public safety personnel and others near the Public Safety Complex.

GOVS: (2) Volunteer Reception Centers (VRCs) opened: Jacksonville Community Center (Calhoun) and the Southside Community Center (Etowah). Operations at the Jacksonville VRC are suspended till 3/23/18 to allow power companies to restore power in that area. AL Food Bank Association distribution sites are open in Anniston. 211 has call center specialists onsite in Calhoun County EMA taking calls. **ADAI:** (14) Field Staff Deployed Conducting Damage Assessments. (700) poultry mortalities reported from Cullman. (1) Meat processing in Jacksonville destroyed. (10) beehives lost in Albertville.

AFC: Deployed IMT Team and **(6)** chainsaw crews to Calhoun Co. Incident Command Post at the Jacksonville Public Safety Complex. **ARC:** Coordinating shelter operations and bulk distribution of disaster-related supplies. **(4)** Emergency Response Vehicles (ERV's) providing snacks and feeding as needed in St Clair, Calhoun, Cullman, Counties and across North Alabama. **ADPH:** Setting up First Aid Stations in Calhoun County and canvassing the area to administer Tetanus shots.