

Georgia Emergency Management Agency

SITUATION REPORT #22 Severe Weather Event

As of 6:00 PM, Tuesday, May 10, 2011

General Situation

Recovery efforts continue following the severe weather incidents of April 27-28, 2011. The National Weather Service has confirmed a total of 15 tornadoes. They include one EF4, five EF3, three EF2, and six EF1 category storms.

Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) have opened in thirteen counties; **please refer to the table below for specific county details.** The centers are open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. seven days a week until further notice. The closest center can be found by using the online DRC locator at <http://go.usa.gov/CDc>. Before going to a center, people with storm losses should register with FEMA online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362). Individuals with speech or hearing impairment may call (TTY) 800-462-7585.

County Declarations:

- A Governor's State of Emergency (SOE) remains in effect for 27 counties.
- A Presidential Disaster Declaration (PDD) has been made for 26 counties.
- Habersham and Upson counties have been designated for Individual Assistance only. Jasper County was designated for Public Assistance only. Public and Individual Assistance were designated for the remaining 23 counties.
- Coweta and Polk counties are eligible for categories A and B only; the other 22 counties are eligible for categories A through G.
- Federal Individual Assistance includes **\$1,770,247** to help homeowners and renters displaced by the storms rent temporary housing, repair damage to homes, and replace homes that were destroyed. Federal assistance is limited to primary residences only and damage not covered by insurance or other sources; the maximum grant is **\$30,200**.
- Federal Individual Assistance also includes **\$512,350** to help pay for medical and funeral costs, household and clean-up items, disaster-damaged vehicles, and moving and storage costs.
- **Please refer to the table below for specific county details.**

County	Injuries	Deaths	SOE	PDD	IA	PA (A – B)	PA (A – G)	DRC
Bartow	25	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Butts	0	0	Yes	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Catoosa	30	8	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Cherokee	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	NO
Coweta	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO	NO
Dade	25	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Floyd	4	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Gordon	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	NO
Greene	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	NO
Habersham	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO	NO	NO
Haralson	0	0	Yes	Yes	NO	NO	NO	NO
Harris	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	NO
Heard	1	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	NO

County	Injuries	Deaths	SOE	PDD	IA	PA (A-B)	PA (A-G)	DRC
Jasper	0	0	NO	Yes	NO	-	Yes	NO
Lamar	12	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Lumpkin	1	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	NO
Meriwether	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Monroe	10	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	NO
Morgan	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Newton	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	NO
Pickens	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Polk	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rabun	4	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Spalding	0	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Troup	6	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Upson	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO	NO	NO
Walker	25	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
White	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	NO
Totals	143	15	27	26	25	2	22	13

Shelters: None

Evacuations: None

Road Closures:

- All interstate and major state roads have been cleared.
- Some local roads remain closed to local and emergency traffic only.

Utilities:

- All power and water systems have been restored and have resumed normal operations. As of Monday, May 9th, GA Power is reporting approximately 800 and GA EMC is reporting approximately 100 customers that will remain offline due to extensive damage or destruction.

Additional Information:

- Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano toured Catoosa County on Sunday, May 8th with State and local representatives. The tour included the Cherokee Valley/Ringgold region, the Ringgold Disaster Recovery Center (DRC), and the State Operations Center (SOC). Among the tour group was: U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson; U.S. Representative Tom Graves; Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) Director Charley English; Chairman of the Catoosa County Board of Commissioners Keith Greene; Ringgold Mayor Joe Barger; and Catoosa County Sheriff Phil Summers.
- The Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) encourage victims of the storms to register with FEMA online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362). Individuals with speech or hearing impairment may call (TTY) 800-462-7585.
- GEMA and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) are encouraging displaced survivors to use www.GeorgiaHousingSearch.org to help find rental housing.
- The State Operations Center remains at Level 2 to continue monitoring recovery efforts and assisting with DRC coordination.

Select County Updates

Catoosa

GFC operations in the Cherokee Valley region are complete; local GFC assets will remain available upon request. The county DFCS office has been temporarily relocated to the Fort Oglethorpe City Hall. **GEMA coordinated with the Association County Commissioners of Georgia for building inspectors; ten volunteer inspectors responded to the request for assistance.**

Dade

Power and water systems have resumed normal operations. ARC is supplying food, ice, and water to stock the kitchens at the American Legion and United Methodist Church feeding locations. GFC operations in the Sand Mountain area are complete; local GFC assets will remain available upon request.

Floyd

Power has been restored and most roads have been reopened. Debris removal continues with the assistance of the Southern Baptist Convention and other volunteers.

Newton

GEMA is coordinating with GA DNR to inspect a temporary debris holding area for approval.

Rabun

Debris removal and minor road clearance continues throughout the week. DNR continues water-borne patrols throughout the week.

Spalding

Beginning Monday, May 9th, the GSP security detail will move to one 8am-6pm shift daily; the detail is scheduled to end on Friday, May 13th.

Emergency Support Function (ESF) Reports

ESF 1 Transportation - Significant Activities:

- GDOT continues to clear debris and assist several counties with local road clearance.

ESF 4 Fire Services and Life Safety - Significant Activities:

- GFC operations are complete; local GFC assets will remain available upon request.

ESF 5 Emergency Management - Significant Activities:

- The SOC will remain partially activated (Level 2) to coordinate all requests for assistance from impacted counties and continue monitoring recovery efforts.
- DRCs are currently operating in Bartow, Catoosa, Dade, Floyd, Lamar, Meriwether, Morgan, Pickens, Polk, Spalding, Rabun, Troup, and Walker counties.
- Donations can be made through the National Donations Management Network website at <http://www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/fema/>.

ESF 6 Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services - Significant Activities:

- All shelters are now closed.
- The ARC has a current list of all county DRCs and will continue to assist as needed.
- GA DCA is continuing to assist families in need with recovery and relocation efforts.

ESF 10 Hazardous Materials - Significant Activities:

- Lake Burton recovery efforts continue with coordination between GA Power Lake Area Management and GA DNR. **Crews mobilized for debris removal on Monday, May 9th. EPD will have updates tomorrow (Wednesday, May 11th).**

ESF 11 Agriculture - Significant Activities:

- GA Department of Agriculture (GDA) inspectors have been assessing damages and coordinating with food vendors in affected counties to ensure regulatory compliance.
- GDA is also providing assistance at DRCs throughout affected areas.
- GDA coordinated the disposal of cattle carcasses in Cherokee County.

ESF 12 Energy - Significant Activities:

- GA Power and GA EMC are reporting 100% power restoration. Approximately 900 homes and businesses in the affected counties (800 GA Power and 100 GA EMC) cannot be reconnected due to extensive damage or destruction.

ESF 13 Law Enforcement - Significant Activities:

- DNR is continuing water-borne patrols in Rabun County.
- GSP is continuing to provide security for public works details in Spalding County.

ESF 14 Long-Term Recovery - Significant Activities:

- Between April 29th and May 4th, Individual Assistance (IA) Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) were completed in 20 counties and Public Assistance (PA) PDAs were completed in 24 counties to determine the needs of affected communities.
- Individual Assistance is authorized for 25 counties and Public Assistance is authorized for 24 counties in north and central Georgia to assist recovery efforts.
- The May 1st burn ban is delayed for SOE counties until May 31st to assist ongoing recovery.

ESF 15 Public Affairs - Significant Activities:

- ESF 15 has handled approximately **170** media inquiries related to the severe weather incidents in central and northwest Georgia April 27-28, 2011.
- ESF 15 representatives continue to assist in coordination efforts regarding staffing needs for the Disaster Recovery Centers.
- ESF 15 representatives accompanied U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano to the City of Ringgold and the State Operations Center on Sunday.

Aviation – Significant Activities:

- GAA continues to provide aviation operation in support of disaster recovery activities.
- GAA provided three aircraft to support Secretary Napolitano's tour of disaster area on Sunday.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) – Significant Activities:

- The Southern Baptist Convention in Catoosa, Dade, Floyd, Morgan, Polk, and Walker counties
- American Legion and United Methodists in Floyd County; Chattanooga Community Food Bank and ARC will continue to coordinate food and water supplies for the effort.
- 7th Day Adventist volunteer groups in Spalding and Meriwether counties
- GEMA continues to coordinate volunteer requests for affected counties. **Approximately 2,000 volunteers participated in "Georgia Volunteer Saturday" on May 7th to assist with ongoing recovery efforts in affected counties.**

State Agencies or State Level Organizations Responding

- ❖ GEMA – Georgia Emergency Management Agency
- ❖ GBI – Georgia Bureau of Investigation
- ❖ GDA-Georgia Department of Agriculture
- ❖ DNR – Department of Natural Resources
- ❖ DOAS – Department of Administrative Services
- ❖ DOC – Department of Corrections
- ❖ DOT-Department of Transportation
- ❖ GAA – Georgia Aviation Authority
- ❖ GA CAP – Georgia Civil Air Patrol

- ❖ DPS / GSP – Department of Public Safety / Georgia State Patrol
- ❖ GA DOD / GSDF – Georgia Department of Defense / Georgia State Defense Force
- ❖ DHS – Department of Human Services
- ❖ GDPH / DCH – Georgia Department of Public Health / Division of Community Health
- ❖ GEFA – Georgia Environmental Finance Authority
- ❖ GFC – Georgia Forestry Commission
- ❖ GMAG – Georgia Mutual Aid Group
- ❖ ARC – American Red Cross
- ❖ SA – Salvation Army
- ❖ GA VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
- ❖ Technical College System of Georgia