

Georgia Emergency Management Agency

SITUATION REPORT #13 Severe Weather Event

As of 09:00 AM, Wednesday, May 4, 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.

A Governor's State of Emergency remains in effect for 27 counties in north and central Georgia: Bartow; Butts; Catoosa; Cherokee; Coweta; Dade; Floyd; Gordon; Greene; Habersham; Haralson; Harris; Heard; Lamar; Lumpkin; Meriwether; Monroe; Morgan; Newton; Pickens; Polk; Rabun; Spalding; Troup; Upson; Walker; and White.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration has been made for **25 of the 27** counties listed above. This includes: Bartow; Catoosa; **Cherokee**; Coweta; Dade; Floyd; Gordon; Greene; **Habersham**; Harris; Heard; Lamar; Lumpkin; Meriwether; Monroe; Morgan; **Newton**; Pickens; Polk; Rabun; Spalding; Troup; **Upson**; Walker; and **White**. Individual Assistance has been designated for Gordon, Harris, Heard, and Lumpkin counties as of Tuesday, May 3rd **and Cherokee, Habersham, Newton, Upson, and White counties as of Wednesday, May 4th**; Public and Individual Assistance were designated for the other 16 counties.

The Georgia Emergency Management Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency are coordinating an outreach program involving community relations specialists to help survivors in affected counties register for federal disaster assistance programs and identify any unmet needs. Eligible expenses include: rental assistance; basic home repairs; medical, dental, and funeral costs; and other serious disaster-related needs.

Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) opened Monday, May 2nd in Dade and Catoosa counties **and Wednesday, May 4th in Floyd and Spalding counties** to help those whose homes or businesses were affected by the storms. More centers will open soon in other counties designated for federal assistance. The centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 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.

Between Friday, April 29th and Tuesday, May 3rd, Individual Assistance (IA) Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) were completed in the following counties: Butts; Cherokee; Coweta; Gordon; Greene; Habersham; Haralson; Harris; Heard; Lamar; Lumpkin; Meriwether; Monroe; Morgan; Newton; Pickens; Rabun; Troup; Upson; and White. Public Assistance (PA) PDAs were completed in the following counties: Bartow; Catoosa; Greene; Habersham; Haralson; Harris; Heard; Lamar; Lumpkin; Meriwether; Monroe; Morgan; Polk; Rabun; Spalding; Troup; Upson; Walker; and White. **PA PDAs are scheduled today (Wednesday, May 4th) in Butts, Cherokee, Gordon, Jasper, and Newton counties.**

Counties Reporting Damage to GEMA (28)

County	Injuries	Deaths	Current Open Shelters	State/Federal Emergency Declaration
Bartow	25	0	0	Yes/IA & PA
Butts	0	0	0	Yes/No
Catoosa	2	8	1	Yes/IA & PA
Cherokee	0	0	0	Yes/IA Only
Coweta	0	0	0	Yes/IA & PA
Dade	25	2	1	Yes/IA & PA

Floyd	4	0	0	Yes/IA & PA
Gordon	0	0	0	Yes/IA Only
Greene	0	0	0	Yes/IA & PA
Habersham	0	0	0	Yes/IA Only
Haralson	0	0	0	Yes/No
Harris	0	0	0	Yes/IA Only
Heard	1	0	0	Yes/IA Only
Lamar	12	2	0	Yes/IA & PA
Lumpkin	1	0	0	Yes/IA Only
Meriwether	0	0	1	Yes/IA & PA
Monroe	10	0	0	Yes/IA & PA
Morgan	0	0	0	Yes/IA & PA
Newton	0	0	0	Yes/IA Only
Pickens	0	0	0	Yes/IA & PA
Polk	0	0	0	Yes/IA & PA
Rabun	4	1	0	Yes/IA & PA
Spalding	0	2	0	Yes/IA & PA
Troup	6	0	0	Yes/IA & PA
Upson	0	0	0	Yes/IA Only
Walker	25	0	0	Yes/IA & PA
White	0	0	0	Yes/IA Only
Total Reported	115	15	3	27 State / 16 IA & PA; 9 IA Only

Shelters:

- American Red Cross (ARC) shelters open as of **May 4th**:
Catoosa – Lake View High School (**Overnight Count: 8**)
Meriwether – Manchester High School (**Overnight Count: 5**)
- **Dade County reported one Good Samaritan Shelter at United Methodist Church in Trenton.**

Evacuations: None

Road Closures

- All major state roads have been cleared; GA DOT is reporting that most of the local road closures have also been cleared. Debris removal efforts will continue throughout the week.

Search and Rescue (SAR) and Security

- All statewide SAR operations are complete.
- GA DPS will continue to assist affected counties throughout the week.

Utilities

- All power and water systems have been restored and have resumed normal operations. GA Power is reporting approximately 250 customers and GA EMC is reporting approximately 500 customers that will remain offline due to damage or destruction.

Additional Information

- The burn ban has been delayed until midnight May 31, 2011 for State of Emergency counties.
- The State Operations Center will remain at Level 2 throughout the week to continue monitoring recovery efforts and assisting with DRC coordination.

*** A full Situation Report including further county and ESF details will be published later today. ***