



TEMA FLASH REPORT – Tornado and Severe Weather Event

March 3, 2020 – 5:00 a.m. CST

SEOC Activation: **Level 3 – State of Emergency**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Primary Day – Secretary of State is in contact with local election officials and TEMA
- Severe weather and tornados have impacted several counties in Tennessee.
- The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency has activated the Tennessee Emergency Management Plan (TEMP) with an all-hands response from state emergency officials and activation of the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC).
- Damages and injuries are unknown.
- Multiple fatalities have been reported.

CURRENT SITUATION

Starting on Mar. 2, a line of severe storms passed through Tennessee and has caused major damage to buildings, roads, bridges, utilities and businesses in several counties. Tornado damage has been reported throughout West and Middle Tennessee including downtown Nashville, TN.

Multiple fatalities have been reported and the number of injuries is unknown. The total number of business and residents without power is unknown. The exact extent of damage is also unknown.

RESPONSE ACTIONS

- Emergency Service Coordinators and liaisons with numerous State of TN departments and non-governmental organizations are reporting to the SEOC to coordinate response actions and damage assessments.

PROTECTIVE ACTIONS/KEY MESSAGES

- Do not use your phone or call 911 unless it is a life-threatening emergency.
- Refrain from driving to keep available streets and roads clear for emergency personnel.
- Do not enter damaged buildings or hazardous locations.
- Continue to monitor radio and television broadcasts for further emergency information and instructions.

FORECAST

- **Memphis:** Rain expected until 7:00 a.m. CST. High of 64 and a low of 51.
- **Nashville:** Scattered storms throughout the morning with a high of 66 and a low of 41. Rain expected until 1:00 p.m. CST.
- **Knoxville:** Scattered storms and rain expected until this evening. High of 69 and a low of 44.

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NOTE: This information is supported from records in the official logs of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency