

3.1.12 DISASTER SERVICES UPDATE

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TENNESSEE SEVERE WEATHER

February 29th An unconfirmed tornado was reported in Cumberland County resulting in two fatalities. The state's Emergency Management Agency is activated. No Federal Disaster Declaration has been made at this time.

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KANSAS TORNADOES

February 28th An EF-2 tornado struck Harveyville, KS area on February 28th. The Governor declared a State of Emergency on February 28, and partially activated the State EOC. Major Damages were reported to 28 homes with 2 homes destroyed. There were no fatalities, but 12 injuries were reported. As of 1:00 a.m. EST Feb 29, there were 1,558 customers without power. At this time, no federal disaster declaration has been made.

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ILLINOIS TORNADOES

February 29th Early on February 29th the town of Harrisburg, IL was struck by an EF-4 tornado. The Governor declared a State of Emergency for the bottom third of the state, and partially activated the State EOC. Damages were reported to a strip mall, two hospitals, and 140 homes. 2 Hospitals are operating on generator power. Six confirmed fatalities with 100 injuries were reported. One shelter is open with 12 occupants. As of 6:00 a.m. EST March 1, approximately 2,300 customers were without power across the state.

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KENTUCKY TORNADOES

February 29th A series of tornadoes struck the state including an EF-2 tornado near Louisville, KY. The State EOC returned to normal operations. No fatalities but several injuries were reported. Damage assessments will resume this morning for affected counties. One shelter is open in LaRue County with 6 occupants. As of 7:30 p.m. EST, Feb 29, approximately 2,200 customers are without power. The State activated 30 National Guard personnel to support response operations. At this time, no Federal Disaster Declarations has been made.

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MISSOURI TORNADOES

February 28th A series of tornadoes struck the state of Missouri, including an EF-2 that hit Kimberling City and Branson area late Tuesday evening. The Governor declared a State of Emergency on February 29, 2012 and partially activated the State EOC. Damages were reported to over 167 homes, and the State has requested Individual Assistance Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments for 17 counties. Three confirmed fatalities and over 50 injuries have been reported statewide. Two shelters are open with 57 occupants. As of 10:00 p.m. EST, Feb 29, approximately 5,200 customers are without power in the affected areas. The State activated 18 National Guardsmen to support response operations. The Missouri Business EOC was virtually activated to provide communications between the State EOC, FEMA Region VII and private sector liaisons. There are no requests for FEMA assistance.

STONE AND TANEY COUNTIES, MO

AmeriCorps St. Louis – 12 Members Deployed

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Stone and Taney Counties have requested AmeriCorps members through their State EMA. AmeriCorps St. Louis began staging Volunteer Reception Centers late Wednesday, splitting 12 members between each VRC. These members will be led by a veteran AmeriCorps member who was active during the Joplin Tornado response. These VRCs will focus on volunteer coordination and debris removal. AmeriCorps St. Louis will also be contributing assistance for tarping and sheltering. Two members have been placed to support the state's 211 call center. A team of five are also being utilized to fight a wildfire that was present but exacerbated by the severe weather.

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