



## ***TEMA FLASH REPORT #5 – Tornado and Severe Weather Event***

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**March 4, 2020 – 8:00 a.m. CST**

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

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) in Nashville remains activated with a State of Emergency in place in Tennessee.
- Tennessee has 24 confirmed storm-related fatalities.
- There are approximately 40,000 without power in the affected counties.
- There are no damage totals to report currently as several counties remain engaged in debris removal, response, and life-safety operations
- Recovery resources to help with home and property clean up, shelters, and other assistance is being made available.
- TEMA has created a [recovery resource page](#) for those affected by the severe weather.

### **CURRENT SITUATION**

Tennessee remains in a State of Emergency following a line of severe weather that crossed the State overnight on Monday, March 2. Several counties in the West, Middle, and Upper Cumberland areas of Tennessee are working to clear debris, restore power, and provide shelters and other help to storm survivors.

Davidson, Wilson, and Putnam counties are among Tennessee's hardest hit counties, with storm impacts, such as fallen trees, blocked roads, and State office closures, reported in Benton, Carroll, Fentress, Overton, and Smith counties.

### **FATALITIES**

- At this time the Tennessee Department of Health has confirmed 24 fatalities.
  - 18 fatalities in Putnam County
  - 3 fatalities in Wilson County
  - 2 fatalities in Davidson County
  - 1 fatality in Benton County.
- Tennessee Department of Health is coordinating with local partners to provide resources.

### **POWER OUTAGES & UTILITIES**

- Davidson County is reporting approximately 35,000 without power.
- Wilson County is reporting approximately 5,000 without power
- Upper Cumberland (Putnam County and Jackson County) awaiting confirmation that power is fully restored.
- Water and wastewater utilities are operational, some are running on backup generators.

## **SHELTERS**

- Currently there are 5 open shelters in Tennessee.
- 4 American Red Cross Shelters
  - Centennial Sportsplex, 222 25<sup>th</sup> Ave N., Nashville, TN
  - First Baptist Church, 18 South Walnut Ave., Cookeville, TN
  - East High School, 110 Gallatin Ave., Nashville, TN
  - Holy Rosary Academy, 190 Graylynn Dr., Nashville, TN
- 1 Shelters in Wilson County
  - Highland Heights Church of Christ, 505 N. Cumberland, Lebanon, TN
- The Red Cross has established shelters for tornado survivors. For information on finding a shelter near you, visit: <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html>

## **SCHOOLS**

- Davidson and Wilson Counties are reporting several schools with significant damage.
- The Tennessee Department of Education is working to establish relocation plans for impacted schools.

## **RECOVERY RESOURCES**

- **Crisis Cleanup Help Line - 1-800-451-1954.**
  - A Crisis Cleanup Help Line is in place for Tennesseans who need help with muck-out, debris removal, and home cleanup from the recent statewide flooding.
  - The Crisis Cleanup Hot Line is a toll-free call to The number is staffed 24/7. Callers should be ready to provide their name and contact information, and a brief description of their issue, to the relief agency representative who answers the Hot Line.
  - **All services are free, but service is not guaranteed due to the expected overwhelming need.**
- **Airbnb**
  - Airbnb's host community in Tennessee are providing no-cost accommodations to Tennessee tornado and storm survivors who need somewhere to stay.
  - Tornado survivors can visit [www.airbnb.com/tntornado20](http://www.airbnb.com/tntornado20) to find and book urgent, temporary accommodations in Airbnb's Open Homes program.
- **Report Damage**
  - Notify your county emergency management agency about damages and issues, especially if you don't have resources for repairs and need help. A list of county EMA contacts by region is available at [www.tn.gov/tema/prepare/regional-ema-contacts.html](http://www.tn.gov/tema/prepare/regional-ema-contacts.html)

- **Give**

- Financial donations are the best way to aid those in need after an emergency. Cash can be used immediately in response to a crisis and allows disaster relief organizations to purchase exactly what is needed, when it's needed.
- The Tennessee Region of the American Red Cross is directly supporting flooding relief efforts in the State, <https://www.redcross.org/local/tennessee.html>.
- The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee has established a Middle Tennessee Emergency Response Fund: <https://www.cfmt.org/story/middle-tennessee-emergency-response-fund/ to support flood-affected communities and non-profits>.

- **Volunteer**

- If you live in Tennessee and want to volunteer to help tornado survivors in Davidson County, please visit Hands On Nashville at <https://www.hon.org/>.
- If you live in Tennessee and want to volunteer to help tornado survivors in other counties, please visit the Tennessee Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (TN VOAD), <https://tnvoad.shutterfly.com/>.
- If you'd like to volunteer and you live outside of Tennessee, please visit the national site for the Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters, <https://www.nvoad.org/>

- **Generator Safety**

- Carbon monoxide poisoning can occur when a generator is not working or vented properly. Generators should always be used outside the home. Do not use a generator indoors or in partially enclosed spaces- including homes, garages, and crawl spaces - even those areas with partial ventilation.
- Do not or near open doors and windows. Using fans will not prevent carbon monoxide build-up in the home. Do not place the generator in front of open windows.

## **FORECAST**

- **Memphis:** Mostly cloudy with a high of 61 and a low of 47.
- **Nashville:** Mostly cloudy. High of 63 and low of 42.
- **Knoxville:** Sunny with a high of 61 and a low of 44.

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