

# SITUATION REPORT No. 3

## South Florida Tornadoes

The Florida State Emergency Response Team

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State Emergency Operations Center Level: 2

Operational Period: April 1, 2003 1700 hrs to April 3, 2003, 1500 hrs



### CURRENT SITUATION:

**Governor declares State of Emergency in Miami-Dade County... Due to damage caused by tornado activity in South Florida, Governor request Presidential Declaration for Individual Assistance...** Because

of damage caused by a recent sever weather event over the Florida peninsula, Governor Jeb Bush has declared a State of Emergency in the Miami-Dade County area. The Governor has already made a request that the

President of the United States declares a Presidential Disaster for Individual Assistance.

Currently, the State Emergency Response Team continues to monitor recovery events in the County.



### Weather Summary

**TODAY...** Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 70s in the western Panhandle to lower 80s elsewhere in the State.

**TONIGHT...** Partly cloudy with isolated showers in the western Panhandle. Lows in the 50s in the northern portion of the State to the upper 50s to lower 60s in the central to lower 70s on the southeast coast and Florida Keys.

**FRIDAY...** Partly cloudy with widely scattered showers across the Florida Panhandle with isolated showers along the West Coast and Florida Keys. Scattered thunderstorms expected in the western Panhandle with highs in the upper 70s to lower to mid 80s in the south.



## CONSEQUENCES:

**Damage Assessment** – The following is a preliminary damage assessment report for Miami-Dade County:

Joint FEMA/State/Local Preliminary Damage Assessment - IA									
COUNTY	HOME		TYPE			AFFECTED HABITABLE	DEGREE OF DAMAGE		
	PRI	SEC	SF	MF	MH		MIN	MAJ	DEST
Miami-Dade	222	0	216	9	0	94	24	94	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>23</b>

As of April 3, 2003

## County Actions:

*County Emergency Management reported the following information to the State Warning Point.*

**Miami-Dade County** – See damage report above.

## State Actions:

- The State Emergency Operations Center continues to monitor recovery efforts.
- ESF 5, Information and Planning staff continue to evaluate and document event status.

## Executive Orders:

Governor Jeb Bush has executed the following Executive Orders:

EXECUTIVE ORDERS		
EXECUTIVE ODER NUMBER	DATE SIGNED	PURPOSE
EO-03-59	4/1/03	State of Emergency, Miami-Dade

## SERT REPORTS:

### Operations Section:

**Operations Support Branch** – Nothing reported this operational period.

**Human Services Branch** – ESF 15 reports that six Volunteer agencies participated in the Miami-Dade Tornado Relief effort as follows:

- **Church World Service** – Contacting local faith-based and community-based groups to develop capacity for long-term recovery and fund-raising to assist with rebuilding efforts.
- **Catholic Charities** – Providing funding and emergency resources in the form of food and water, tarps, supplies, all of which are building the capacity of the organizations providing services to impacted families.

- **FRIEND** – Bringing together all the faith-based agencies in the county to provide resources that will be needed in the long-term recovery. FRIEND main concerns were assessing the needs of individuals and families and finding volunteer resources within the churches to meet the needs. FRIEND agencies included: UMCOR, Lutheran Disaster Relief, Neighbors 4 Neighbors (a CBS affiliate), Magnum Force (an ABC affiliate).
- **Neighbors 4 Neighbors** – Working with Team Metro to identify those who need food and connecting them with resources.
- **Lions Club** – Working on activating emergency funds, as they learn of the needs and will work with contacts to disburse emergency funds.
- **American Red Cross (National)** - Have 200 staff in their headquarters at the Mahai Tample. The Red Cross sheltered several persons and received 250 calls to date at the ARC hotline. They have five ERVs serving 4,000 to 5,000 meals per day.

**Logistics Section:**

Nothing reported this operational period.

**Information and Planning (ESF 5):**

- Information and Planning continues to issued flash and situation reports as warranted.

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