

SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CHARLOTTE NC
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...THIS IS A WRAPUP OF THE EFFECTS OF HUGO FROM CHARLOTTE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA... THE INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS...

CATAWBA COUNTY... LOOKS WORSE THAN THE TORNADO DAMAGE OF MAY 5, 1989... TREE AND POWER LINE DAMAGE WIDESPREAD... MOBILE HOMES DAMAGED OR DESTROYED... MANY BUSINESSES AND HOMES SUSTAINED MAJOR DAMAGE... INJURIES; ONE EIGHT YEAR OLD CHILD SERIOUSLY INJURED WHEN A TREE FELL ON A HOUSE. THE CHILD FELL THROUGH THE HOUSE FROM THE SECOND STORY TO THE BASEMENT. TWO ADULTS INJURED IN SEPARATE INCIDENTS WHEN A TREE FELL ON THEIR HOME.

FLOODING MINIMAL TO NON-EXISTANT.

CLEVELAND COUNTY... WIDESPREAD TREE AND POWER LINE DAMAGE... FLOODING LIMITED TO ONE SMALL STREAM WHERE WATER SPREAD ONTO A SECONDARY ROAD IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY. SEVERAL TORNADOES REPORTED BUT NONE COULD BE CONFIRMED. NO INJURIES.

LINCOLN COUNTY... WIDESPREAD TREE AND POWER LINE DAMAGE. NO KNOWN FLOODING. NO INJURIES.

GASTON COUNTY... NO CONTACT CAN BE MADE WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER NOR EMERGENCY MANAGMENT OFFICIALS DUE TO POWER AND TELEPHONE LINE PROBLEMS.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY... LOOKS LIKE A WAR ZONE. THOUSANDS OF TREES DOWN... NEARLY ALL HIGHWAYS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE INTERSTATES HAVE TREES BLOCKING THE HIGHWAYS. MOST OF THE COUNTY WITHOUT ELECTRICITY. HOLIDAY HARBOR MARINA AT LAKE NORMAN WITH 300 BOAT SLIPS... MOSTLY FILLED WITH BOATS... COMPLETELY DESTROYED. STRAIGHT LINE WINDS SUSPECTED. TORNADOES... ONE REPORTED BUT UPON INVESTIGATION BY A POLICE OFFICER DAMAGE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A DOWN BURST...

NO FLOODING OTHER THAN AT INTERSECTIONS AND FROM DRAINAGE DITCHES.

NO INJURIES.

UNION COUNTY... TWO FATALITIES... ONE CHILD SIX MONTHS OLD KILLED WHEN A TREE FELL ON A HOME AND CRUSHED THE BABY WHILE SLEEPING IN ITS CRIB. ONE MALE ESTIMATED TO BE 24 YEARS OF AGE TRIED TO RIDE A MOTORCYCLE IN THE STORM AND WAS FOUND SOME DISTANCE OFF OF HIGHWAY 200. OFFICIALS BELIEVE HE WAS BLOWN INTO THE FIELD DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF TIRE TRACKS FROM THE HIGHWAY INTOA THE FIELD.

FLOODING... VERY MINOR... ONE SECONDARY ROAD HAD SOME WATER ON IT FROM A NEARBY DRAINAGE AREA.

CABARRUS COUNTY... MORE WIDESPREAD TREE AND POWER LINE DAMAGE. SMALL STREAMS FULL BUT NO FLOODING REPORTED; IF NO MORE RAIN FALLS THEN NO PROBLEMS ANTICIPATED. NO INJURIES.

ANSON COUNTY... LOTS OF TREE AND POWER LINE DAMAGE. MOST OF THE COUNTY WITHOUT ELECTRICITY. NO FLOODING AND NO INJURIES.

STANLY COUNTY... UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT DUE TO POWER LINE AND TELEPHONE SYSTEM PROBLEMS.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY... MANY TREES AND POWER LINES DOWN BUT DAMAGE NOT EXTENSIVE. NO FLOODING. NO INJURIES.

RICHMOND COUNTY... WIDESPREAD TREE AND POWER LINE DAMAGE. NO INJURIES. VERY LITTLE RAIN AND THEREFORE NO FLOODING.

THE WEATHER WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE WITH RESPECT TO HIGH WINDS AND HEAVY RAIN. RATHER TRANQUIL WEATHER... CONSIDERING THAT OF THURSDAY NIGHT AND FRIDAY MORNING... WILL PREVAIL THIS WEEKEND FOR CLEANUP OPERATIONS. EVERYONE SHOULD BE ALERT TO THE DANGERS OF CLEANING UP INCLUDING /HOT/ ELECTRIC LINES ON THE GROUND... THE OPERATION OF CHAIN SAWS... LIMBS OR TREES WHICH SNAP OR SHIFT QUICKLY WHEN BEING SAWED AND ALSO EROSION AROUND DRAINAGE DITCHES AND STREAMS.

A REMINDER... DUE TO POWER LINE PROBLEMS THE EMERGENCY BROADCAST SYSTEM IS NOT OPERATIONAL. THIS MEANS WEATHER WARNINGS WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE TO SUBSCRIBERS OF THE NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE AND USERS OF NOAA WEATHER RADIOS.

THIS WILL BE THE FINAL STATEMENT ONHUGO.....

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