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News Release

On May 11, 1970, the deadliest tornado in Lubbock’s history struck our community – killing 26 people and injuring over 1,500 along its destructive path. The devastating tornado produced approximately \$250,000,000 in damage, equivalent to 1.25 billion dollars in today’s economy.

Over a stretch of three and a half decades, we have reached an age of mass, global information exchange. Technological advances in both weather forecasting and vital dissemination systems have afforded the public with enhanced notice to impending hazards. The partnership between the National Weather Service and media and emergency management partners is critical to the process of providing life-saving information to the public.

To commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Lubbock tornado, the National Weather Service in Lubbock, Texas created a special website to capture a historical and meteorological perspective of the event – and to serve as an additional resource in promoting severe weather awareness and preparedness.

In remembrance of the May 11, 1970 Lubbock tornado, the National Weather Service in Lubbock invites you to “*The Lubbock Tornado – 35 years later*”. The website can be viewed from the following address: www.weather.gov/lubbock