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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE MOUNT HOLLY NJ
254 PM EDT MON AUG 23 2010

...WEAK TORNADO CONFIRMED IN CHESTER CITY PENNSYLVANIA...

LOCATION...CHESTER CITY LOCATED IN DELAWARE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA DATE...AUGUST 22 2010
ESTIMATED TIME...345 PM EDT
MAXIMUM EF-SCALE RATING...EF-0
ESTIMATED MAXIMUM WIND SPEED...75 MPH
MAXIMUM PATH WIDTH...80 YARDS
PATH LENGTH...0.30 MILES
BEGINNING LAT/LON...39.836N / 75.385W
ENDING LAT/LON...39.835N / 75.379W

- * FATALITIES...0
- * INJURIES...0
- * THE INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE PENDING FINAL REVIEW OF THE EVENT AND PUBLICATION IN NWS STORM DATA.

...SUMMARY...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN MOUNT HOLLY NJ HAS CONFIRMED WIND DAMAGE CONSISTENT WITH A WEAK EF-0 TORNADO IN CHESTER CITY LOCATED IN DELAWARE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA ON AUGUST 22 2010.

EVIDENCE OF A WEAK EF-0 TORNADO FIRST MANIFESTED ITSELF WITH TREE DAMAGE AND A BLOWN-OUT GARAGE WALL NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF 4TH AND ENGLE STREETS IN CHESTER CITY. A NEARLY CONTINUOUS PATH OF TREE DAMAGE THEN OCCURRED IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION TO THE 2000 BLOCK OF THIRD STREET WHERE SEVERAL TREES WERE BLOWN DOWN AND STRUCTURAL DAMAGE OCCURRED TO A BUILDING AND ITS ROOF. ADDITIONAL DAMAGE OCCURRED IN A CONTINUOUS PATH TO THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 291 AND REANEY STREET WHERE A HOUSE INCURRED SIDING AND ROOF DAMAGE. THE TORNADO THEN LIFTED AS IT APPROACHED THE COMMODORE BARRY BRIDGE WHERE PLANKS WERE RIPPED OFF THE NEW I-95 RAMP BEING CONSTRUCTED THERE.

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE APPRECIATES THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CHESTER CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ARRANGING AND ASSISTING IN THIS SURVEY.

THIS INFORMATION CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT WEATHER.GOV/PHI.

FOR REFERENCE...THE ENHANCED FUJITA SCALE CLASSIFIES TORNADOES INTO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES...

EFO...WIND SPEEDS 65 TO 85 MPH.

EF1...WIND SPEEDS 86 TO 110 MPH.

EF2...WIND SPEEDS 111 TO 135 MPH.

EF3...WIND SPEEDS 136 TO 165 MPH.

EF4...WIND SPEEDS 166 TO 200 MPH.

EF5...WIND SPEEDS GREATER THAN 200 MPH.

