

000

NOUS42 KTAE 062218

PNSTAE

FLZ017-027-070300-

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TALLAHASSEE FL

517 PM EST TUE DEC 06 2005

...STORM SURVEY FROM WAKULLA COUNTY CONDUCTED TODAY...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN TALLAHASSEE CONDUCTED A STORM ASSESSMENT OF THE TORNADO THAT HIT WAKULLA COUNTY YESTERDAY. NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DOPPLER RADAR INDICATED THAT THE TORNADIC STORM MOVED THROUGH CENTRAL WAKULLA COUNTY NORTHWEST AND NORTH OF CRAWFORDVILLE AROUND 115 PM EST ON DECEMBER 5TH. THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN TALLAHASSEE FIRST ISSUED A TORNADO WARNING FOR WAKULLA COUNTY AT 1234 PM EST...OR 41 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAMAGE.

A SURVEY OF THE AREAS AFFECTED REVEALED THAT THE TORNADO AT ITS PEAK HAD A MAXIMUM INTENSITY OF F-1 ON THE FUJITA SCALE WITH WINDS SPEEDS BETWEEN 73 AND 112 MPH. THE TOTAL AREA SURVEYED WAS 4 MILES. OVER THIS FOUR MILE PATH...DAMAGE WAS VERY SPORADIC AS THE TORNADO WAS GOING UP AND DOWN OVER THE AREA SURVEYED. THE TORNADO APPEARS TO HAVE CAUSED THE MOST DAMAGE AROUND IVAN CHURCH ROAD WHERE A CHURCH LOST FOUR EXTERIOR BUILDINGS AND SUFFERED SOME ROOF DAMAGE TO THE PARSONAGE AND THE SANCTUARY. THE DAMAGE HERE WAS RATED AT A HIGH F-1 WITH WINDS BETWEEN 100 AND 110 MPH.

A SECOND AREA SURVEYED SOUTHWEST OF IVAN CHURCH ROAD HAD A COUPLE OF HOUSES WITH SOME ROOF DAMAGE TO SINGLE FAMILY HOMES AND ROOF FAILURE ON ONE METAL BARN. HERE...DAMAGE WAS RATED AT A MODERATE F-1 WITH WIND SPEEDS OF 80 TO 90 MPH.

THE THIRD AREA SURVEYED WAS NEAR HARRY MORRISON ROAD AND ELIZABETH STREET. IN THIS LOCATION...SEVERAL TREES WERE UPROOTED WITH SOME MINOR DAMAGE TO MOBILE HOMES. SOME MINOR ROOF DAMAGE TO MOBILE HOMES

WAS OBSERVED. THE DAMAGE HERE IS BELIEVED TO BE BETWEEN F-0 AND F-1 WITH WINDS OF 65 TO 80 MPH.

THE FINAL AREA SURVEYED WAS IN THE EMERALD ACRES SUBDIVISION. SEVERAL TREES WERE BLOWN DOWN AND UPROOTED IN THIS LOCATION. DAMAGE HERE WAS A F-0 WITH WINDS OF 60 TO 70 MPH.

THE OVERALL PATH LENGTH AT THIS TIME IS BELIEVED TO BE AT LEAST 4 MILES...THOUGH NOT A CONTINUOUS PATH OF DAMAGE. A MORE COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY WILL BE DONE LATER THIS WEEK TO DETERMINE THE FIRST LOCATION OF THE TORNADO TOUCHDOWN. THE PATH LENGTH WAS DETERMINED TO BE 50 TO 75 YARDS WIDE.

\$\$

GODSEY