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Two Tornadoes Touchdown in North Alabama; Residents Urged to Be Prepared

Clanton –This morning the Alabama Emergency Management Agency received confirmation from the Huntsville National Weather Service that two tornadoes appeared to have touch down in Limestone and Madison Counties. As result of those storms this morning and those projected to come, the Governor has activated the Emergency Operations Center to a level three. This activation means several state agencies have deployed and are on standby for the storms to come. Alabama EMA has confirmed the following reports of damage:

- Limestone Correctional Facility; the Department of Corrections tell us everything is under control and they have brought in additional security to monitor the facility and inmates.
- Madison County is reporting 6 people injured and transported to the local hospital
- Search and Rescue efforts are underway in Limestone and Madison County
- Buckhorn High School, in Madison County sustained roof and window damage, no injuries reported
- Several homes also sustained moderate to extensive damage
- Damage Assessments are currently underway in both counties
- For information on road closures <http://aldotgis.dot.state.al.us/RoadClosures/Default.aspx/>

According to the National Weather Service, we state will face more severe weather later today. Everyone should ensure that their NOAA All Hazards Radio or the tool they use to receive weather information is properly programmed and that batteries are charged. Make sure you have a way to monitor local media if the power goes off as well. Know the safest place in your house and be prepared to go there if extreme weather threatens. This is a part of your family emergency plan that can make a huge difference to your family.

Alabama is served by four offices of the National Weather Service: Huntsville, Birmingham, Mobile and Tallahassee, Fla. Residents can find out which office serves your area by going to www.weather.gov and clicking on your community

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