

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...UPDATED PATH LENGTH AND WIDTH
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE MOBILE AL
847 PM CDT WED MAR 9 2011

...NWS STORM DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TEAM'S PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM THE
THEODORE ALABAMA TORNADO DAMAGE...

THE FOLLOWING IS A STORM SURVEY REPORT REGARDING THE DAMAGE THAT
OCCURRED EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING IN THEODORE ALABAMA.

- * EVENT: SOUTH MOBILE COUNTY ALABAMA TORNADO
- * EVENT DATE: WEDNESDAY MARCH 9, 2011
- * EVENT TIME: 8:40 AM CST
- * EVENT LOCATION: THEODORE ALABAMA
- * INTENSITY: EF SCALE...2 (MAXIMUM THREE SECOND WIND GUST OF 120 MPH)
- * DAMAGE PATH LENGTH...APPROX 2650 FEET (0.5 MILES)
- * MAXIMUM DAMAGE PATH WIDTH...150 YARDS
- * INJURIES: A FEW MINOR INJURIES
- * FATALITIES: NONE
- * DISCUSSION/DAMAGE:

A NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DAMAGE SURVEY TEAM FOUND THAT THE DAMAGE
THAT OCCURRED IN THEODORE ALABAMA AT AROUND 8:40 AM ON WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 9, 2011 RESULTED FROM A TORNADO WITH A MAXIMUM EF NUMBER OF
TWO WITH WIND GUSTS OF 111 TO 135 MPH.

THE TORNADO FIRST TOUCHED DOWN AS AN EF1 IN A SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD
BETWEEN SONYA DRIVE AND FIRE TOWER ROAD WEST. THE TORNADO THEN
TRACKED TOWARD THE NORTHEAST...REACHING EF2 INTENSITY AT THE
INTERSECTION OF THEODORE DAWES ROAD AND OLD PASCAGOULA ROAD. THE
TORNADO THEN MAINTAINED ITS EF2 INTENSITY FOR ABOUT 800 FEET ALONG
OLD PASCAGOULA ROAD. THE TORNADO THEN WEAKENED TO AN EF0 AS IT
ENTERED A WOODED AREA NORTH OF OLD PASCAGOULA ROAD.

THE DAMAGE INCLUDED DESTRUCTION OF A BP GAS STATION...SEVERE DAMAGE
TO HARDWARE STORE...DAMAGE TO A POPEYES RESTAURANT AND SHOPPING
CENTER...HOUSE DAMAGED...A U-HAUL TRUCK FLIPPED INTO DITCH...MOBILE
HOMES FLIPPED OVER...TREES DOWN...AND TOPS RIPPED OFF TREES.

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