

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE RALEIGH NC
447 PM EDT MON APR 18 2011

...MULTIPLE TORNADOES CONFIRMED ON APRIL 16 2011...

...TORNADO CONFIRMED ACROSS SOUTHEAST CUMBERLAND COUNTY THROUGH
PARTS OF SAMPSON COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA INCLUDING THE CLINTON AREA...

LOCATION...SOUTHEAST CUMBERLAND COUNTY...AND THE ROSEBORO...CLINTON
AND POPLAR GROVE AREAS IN CLINTON COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

DATE...APRIL 16 2011

ESTIMATED TIME...433 PM EDT TO 500 PM EDT

MAXIMUM EF-SCALE RATING...EF2

ESTIMATED MAXIMUM WIND SPEED...120 MPH

MAXIMUM PATH WIDTH...0.5 MILE

PATH LENGTH...APPROXIMATELY 28 MILES

BEGINNING LAT/LON...34.85 / 78.63W

ENDING LAT/LON...35.10 / 78.23W

* FATALITIES...0

* INJURIES...AT LEAST FOUR

* THE INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO
CHANGE PENDING FINAL REVIEW OF THE EVENT(S) AND PUBLICATION IN NWS
STORM DATA.

...SUMMARY...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICES IN WILMINGTON AND RALEIGH NC
HAVE CONFIRMED A TORNADO THAT MOVED FROM NEAR THE CUMBERLAND
BLADEN COUNTY BORDER...TO NEAR POPLAR GROVE IN SAMPSON COUNTY...ON
APRIL 16 2011. THIS IS A CONTINUATION OF A TORNADO INITIALLY
SURVEYED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE IN WILMINGTON.

THE INITIAL TORNADO TOUCHDOWN WAS AT 433 PM EDT JUST NORTH OF THE
CUMBERLAND BLADEN COUNTY LINE JUST WEST OF HIGHWAY 242. THE TORNADO
CONTINUED IN A NORTHEAST DIRECTION...CROSSING HIGHWAY 210 NEAR SMITH
ROAD AND PETERS CREEK ROAD. IN THIS AREA...A FEW HOMES WERE
DAMAGED...ONE HOME SUSTAINING HEAVY DAMAGE RATED EF2. THERE WERE FOUR
INJURIES SUSTAINED BY SOME OF THE OCCUPANTS...THOUGH THE EXTENT OF
INJURIES IS NOT KNOWN. HUNDREDS OF TREES WERE ALSO DOWNED IN THIS
VICINITY. DAMAGE WAS ALSO OBSERVED ALONG BROADWATER BRIDGE ROAD
EAST OF SMITH ROAD.

THE TORNADO CONTINUED TO THE NORTHEAST...CROSSING INTO SAMPSON
COUNTY...SOUTHWEST OF ROSEBORO. THE TORNADO WEAKENED SLIGHTLY
BETWEEN ROSEBORO TO CLINTON...PRODUCING EF1 DAMAGE IN PLACES
INCLUDING WHERE THE TORNADO CROSSED HIGHWAYS 421 AND 701 ON THE
NORTH SIDE OF CLINTON. THE TORNADO VERY BRIEFLY INTENSIFIED AGAIN
TO EF2 STRENGTH ALONG ISAAC WEEKS ROAD WHERE A ROOF WAS COMPLETELY
BLOWN OFF OF A HOME. FARTHER NORTHEAST...THE TORNADO WAS MOSTLY OF
EF1 STRENGTH WITH OUTBUILDINGS AND POWER POLES BENT OR BLOWN DOWN...
ALONG WITH TREE DAMAGE AND MINOR DAMAGE TO HOMES...UNTIL THE
TORNADO WEAKENED AND APPARENTLY LIFTED IN VICINITY OF HIGHWAY 403
AND EAST DARDEN ROAD...WHERE THE LAST VISIBLE DAMAGE...EF0...WAS
NOTED TO THE ROOF OF A HOME. THIS LIKELY OCCURRED AROUND 5 PM.

MANY THANKS TO THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE IN WILMINGTON...

AND TO THE SAMPSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES...FOR ITS ASSISTANCE
WITH THIS SURVEY.

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

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

EF0...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.

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...TORNADO CONFIRMED NEAR THE PARKSTOWN COMMUNITY IN WAYNE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA...

LOCATION...PARKSTOWN COMMUNITY IN WAYNE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA
DATE...APRIL 16 2011
ESTIMATED TIME...535 PM EDT
MAXIMUM EF-SCALE RATING...EF0 IN WAYNE COUNTY ALONE
ESTIMATED MAXIMUM WIND SPEED...80 MPH
MAXIMUM PATH WIDTH...0.25 MILE IN WAYNE COUNTY
PATH LENGTH...APPROXIMATELY 19 MILES ALTOGETHER..AROUND A MILE IN
WAYNE COUNTY ALONE
BEGINNING LAT/LON...35.34N / 77.85W
ENDING LAT/LON...35.55N / 77.64W
* FATALITIES...0
* INJURIES...NONE IN WAYNE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

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CHANGE PENDING FINAL REVIEW OF THE EVENT(S) AND PUBLICATION IN NWS
STORM DATA.

...SUMMARY...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICES IN NEWPORT/MOREHEAD CITY AND
RALEIGH NC HAVE CONFIRMED A TORNADO THAT BEGAN NEAR THE PARKSTOWN
COMMUNITY IN WAYNE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA ON APRIL 16 2011. THE
TORNADO THEN CONTINUED INTO GREENE AND LENOIR COUNTIES. THE
NEWPORT/MOREHEAD CITY OFFICE HAS ISSUED A SUMMARY OF THIS PORTION
OF THE TORNADO.

THE TORNADO BEGAN JUST EAST OF NORTH BESTON ROAD...BETWEEN GUY
SMITH AND OLD JASON ROADS. IN WAYNE COUNTY...MOSTLY MINOR SIDING
AND SHINGLE DAMAGE...AND ISOLATED TREE DAMAGE...WERE NOTED. IN ONE
LOCATION...ALONG PARKSTOWN ROAD JUST WEST OF THE GREENE COUNTY BORDER...
THE END SECTION OF A FARM BUILDING WAS BLOWN DOWN AND HEAVILY
DAMAGED. THIS PORTION OF THE TORNADO WAS RATED EF0 WITH WINDS
AROUND 80 MPH. THE TORNADO THEN EVENTUALLY STRENGTHENED TO AN EF3
AS NOTED BY THE NEWPORT/MOREHEAD CITY OFFICE NEAR TYSON MARSH.

MANY THANKS TO THE NEWPORT/MOREHEAD CITY OFFICE FOR ITS ASSISTANCE
WITH THIS SURVEY.

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FARTHER WEST TOWARD MAR-MAC...GOLDSBORO...AND PATETOWN...NO EVIDENCE OF TORNADO DAMAGE COULD BE FOUND. MINOR STRAIGHT-LINE WIND DAMAGE WAS NOTED ALONG NEW HOPE ROAD JUST NORTHEAST OF GOLDSBORO. IF THERE IS ANY INFORMATION ON ANY POSSIBLE TORNADO IN THIS AREA... PLEASE CONTACT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE.

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Tornado damage in Sampson county.