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Damage Assessments Continue from Yesterday's Storm

The county-wide response to yesterday's storm continues at the Shelby County Office of Preparedness Emergency Operations Center in east Memphis.

"We're coordinating our efforts with the City of Memphis, Memphis Light, Gas and Water and other agencies. Our goal is to ensure needs are quickly met for those affected by the storm," said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

The Red Cross is offering assistance for people displaced by the storm. Victims should call the Red Cross directly at (901) 726-1690.

"Damage assessments continue in Memphis and various communities throughout the county. Thousands of Memphis Light, Gas and Water customers are without power. MLGW has asked other utility companies for assistance," said Dale Lane, Director of the Shelby County Office of Preparedness.

Just before 4 p.m. yesterday, the storm caused trees to fall on houses and vehicles in Memphis, especially near the University of Memphis and the nearby Sherwood Forest neighborhood. High winds also severely damaged the roof of the National Guard Armory at 5650 Attu in Millington. No injuries were reported.

With high temperatures expected again today in the 90s with a heat index of more than 100, citizens without power can go to Memphis area community centers. Three centers have extended hours until 8 p.m.:

- Orange Mound Community Center-2572-Park Avenue
- Raleigh Community Center-3678 Powers Road
- Whitehaven Community Center-4318 Graceland Drive

"With dangerously high temperatures, we wanted residents to have several options. Besides community centers, people can go to libraries, public buildings and shopping centers," said Lieutenant Jim Logan, Manager of the Memphis Office of Emergency Management.

For additional information, call the Shelby County Office of Preparedness at (901) 222-6700.

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