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AFFECTED AREA BLOCKADE

Lancaster, TX - On April 3, 2012 at approximately 1:15 p.m. the City of Lancaster activated its outdoor warning system due to an approaching tornado. The City immediately activated its Emergency Operations Command Center and subsequently the Lancaster City Council declared a local disaster.

Damage assessment reports indicate approximately 300 structures have been damaged; approximately 150 of these structures were severely damaged. At this time no fatalities have been reported.

A blockade remains in effect for the areas affected by the disaster as emergency response teams have an opportunity to address damage needs.

The location currently restricted is north at Telephone Road to south at Bayport Drive, east to Pebble Beach Drive and west to Sunny Meadow Drive. No one will be allowed within the blockade area.

There will be a volunteer briefing where volunteers can register to assist in recovery. The briefing begins at 9:00 a.m. this morning at Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library. The library is located at 1600 Veterans Memorial Parkway.

For more information contact the City of Lancaster Emergency Operations Center Public Information Office at 972-218-2641 or visit www.lancaster-tx.com.

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