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### **State Emergency Operations Center Activates in Response to Severe Weather in SW Ohio**

#### *Clermont County EMA confirms three deaths*

Columbus, OH - The State Emergency Operations Center's (SEOC) assessment room was activated earlier this yesterday evening in response to the severe weather that impacted southwest Ohio. The SEOC coordinates response and recovery efforts of state agencies.

According to NOAA, 86 tornadoes were reported in nine states yesterday. According to the National Weather Service, seven tornadoes touched down in southern Ohio counties. Severe weather stemmed from yesterday's tornado outbreak in Indiana and Kentucky.

The towns of Moscow and Bethel in Clermont County reported extensive damage and the county emergency management agency has confirmed three fatalities.

Tornadoes were reported in Adams, Brown, Clermont, Pike and Scioto counties.

The Clermont County commissioners declared a local emergency declaration yesterday.

Initial state agencies providing assistance include the Ohio Department of Transportation, State Highway Patrol, and Ohio Emergency Management Agency.

The SEOC assessment room continues to monitor the state's weather conditions and response and recovery efforts in the impacted counties. The assessment room will remain open to assist impacted local officials.

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