

2020 SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

FORT STEWART-HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD

The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield hotline below is activated during a disaster to assist Families and DA Civilians in getting the latest information on the installations and to get the all-clear.

1-866-586-3116

STAY PREPARED IN 2020

The threat of severe weather to the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield community is real and warrants utmost attention for preparation and action.

It is important that we all know what to expect during one of these storms, and what to do to reduce the risk to our Families and ourselves. Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Garrison staff is continuously striving to improve severe-weather preparedness throughout the installation. These efforts include incorporating lessons learned from previous events, results of exercises, and clearance time requirements. Over the last few years there has been a marked increase in public levels of hurricane awareness. This has been matched by a renewed dedication by this command and surrounding communities to collaborate to protect lives and property from the threat of tropical systems. Take appropriate preventive measures, and urge you to read this handbook that identifies changes and adapt your actions and checklists to your personal needs. Keep in mind that hurricanes, as well as tornados and thunderstorms, are destructive storms. Your safety could depend on your actions and preparations. Comments or questions concerning this handbook should be addressed to the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security, 767-5038.

GET THE APP!

Weather announcements, phone numbers and more!



INTRO

Hurricanes can cause widespread damage without ever making landfall. Tropical systems from the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico have caused major flooding and damaging inland winds as far north as the mountain regions in Georgia. In addition, rapid population growth along the hurricane-prone coastline increases the risk of loss of life and extreme property damage.

Everyone should take personal responsibility for taking appropriate preventive measures to prepare themselves and their Family in the event of a hurricane. Throughout this handbook you will see numerous icons of activities, agencies or groups that provide assistance and ideas in getting prepared and dealing with the after effects of severe weather. Take the time to visit some of these web sites and prepare you and your Family for severe weather.

HURRICANE COMMAND POLICY

The senior commander makes all decisions requiring evacuation of Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield. Local county emergency management agencies decide on evacuation within their jurisdictions.

Preparation is critical to success. Ensure you have an evacuation plan. Validate your information in ADPAAS. Build a kit with everything you and your family will need for three days during an evacuation.

Be informed on weather conditions and all guidance from local community, your unit and the installation.

Soldiers may have duties that prevent them from evacuating with their Families.

On- and off-post Families should be prepared to evacuate to in land locations with or without their sponsors.

Pet owners must make proper arrangements for their pets during evacuations. This includes having enough water and food for each pet. The use of pet carriers is recommended and in some instances, mandatory.

The garrison Facebook page at [facebook.com/FortStewartHunterArmyAirfield](https://www.facebook.com/FortStewartHunterArmyAirfield) is the official source of news, information and updates. Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield also posts information about severe weather such as tornados and hurricanes on the installation website at home.army.mil/stewart.

ADPAAS

The Army Disaster Personnel Accountability and Assessment System is the U.S. Army's method/ process of accounting for personnel and family members after catastrophes. ADPAAS is a web-based, mil-restricted, user-friendly system that enables the Army to collect accurate and timely reports in times of emergency.

ADPAAS is maintained in accordance with a variety of Federal statutes, Department of Defense and Department of the Army regulations and policies.

You need to go into ADPASS and validate your information. Correct your contact information for notification. Also, ensure the information for your dependents is accurate. You must be registered in ADPASSto receive an evacuation allowance.

ADPAAS.ARMY.MIL

ADPAAS enhances the Army's ability to accept accountability reporting from Soldiers, Army Civilians and Non-Appropriated Funds employees, overseas defense contractors, and their DEERS-eligible family members following natural or man-made disasters.

It enables commanders at all levels to identify and account for those in their command affected by a disaster through consolidation of self-accounting and unit mass reporting through the ADPAAS tool.

ADPAAS allows sponsors and Family members affected by a catastrophe to request assistance via a Needs Assessment Survey, which in turn helps leaders prioritize the where resources and assistance is needed the most.



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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CONDITIONS

HURCON

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Hurricane Readiness Conditions are based on the forecasted arrival of a tropical storm or hurricane.

HURCON 5 – Normal operations. This is the advanced stage of readiness. This condition includes normal day-to-day operations, planning, training and exercises. HURCON 5 goes into effect automatically on June 1 and remains until Nov. 30.

HURCON 4 – Sustained tropical force winds of 50 knots/58 mph or greater which have the potential to impact garrison area within 96 hours.

HURCON 3 – Sustained tropical force winds of 50 knots/58 mph or greater while have the potential to impact garrison area within 72 hours.

HURCON 2 – Sustained tropical force winds of 50 knots/58 mph or greater which have the potential to impact garrison area within 48 hours.

HURCON 1 – Sustained tropical force winds of 50 knots/58 mph or greater which have the potential to impact garrison area within 24 hours.

LANDFALL – Period between the 12 hours prior to arrival and final departure of sustained tropical winds of 50 knots/58 mph or greater.

2020 HURRICANE NAMES

ARTHUR
BERTHA
CRISTOBAL
DOLLY
EDOUARD
FAY
GONZALO

HANNA
ISAIAS
JOSEPHINE
KYLE
LAURA
MARCO
NANA

OMAR
PAULETTE
RENE
SALLY
TEDDY
VICKY
WILFRED



PREPARE FOR

Ensure that supplies needed are on hand.

Secure furnace rooms, storerooms, garage doors, etc. Covering with plywood is recommended.

Cover windows with plywood.

Store loose objects inside, i.e., boxes, BBQ grills, garbage cans, toys, etc.

Secure objects outside of building, i.e., boats, playground equipment, clothesline, etc.

Fill vehicle fuel tank.

Fill water containers, to include bathtubs, as the water supply may become inoperable or contaminated.

Maintain a minimum three-day supply of non-perishable food and potable water.

If you have a power generator, do not connect it to your house power panel. Plug the items you intend to use directly into the generator.

Turn your refrigerator thermostat to its lowest temperature.

Turn off all appliances with pilot lights, i.e., stoves, furnaces, ranges, etc., for the duration of the hurricane.

Turn off gas at the meter.

ALL CLEAR!

Listen for loudspeaker/radio announcements and instructions from local authorities.

Do not drive unless absolutely necessary. If you must drive, watch out for debris, washouts, and swollen stream. Do not drive through standing water.

Stay away from downed or low hanging power lines as well as metal objects that may be in contact with damaged power lines. Notify police or other authorities of dangling or broken wires.

Do not hinder first aid or rescue work. Stay away from disaster areas.

Be alert - exercise proper caution for snakes, animals, and insects which may travel inland to escape the approaching flood waters caused by hurricane.

EVACUATION FOR ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL



Based upon the projected storm track and intensity, the senior commander may decide that Soldiers residing in barracks will remain there and will encourage Families residing in on-post housing to remain in their housing.

Prior to the storm's arrival, the senior commander may decide that Soldiers residing in barracks will evacuate to other locations specified by their respective chains of command. Soldiers and their Families residing in on-post housing will evacuate via privately owned vehicles to Georgia emergency shelters or other inland locations.

Soldiers and Family members residing off-post must follow the orders and directives of their respective local emergency management agency and evacuate to Georgia emergency shelters or other inland locations.

REMINDER: Family members' primary plan should be to evacuate without their sponsor due to other duties they may have.

SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS – high winds, hail and cloud-to-ground lightning, can form spring through early fall.

TORNADOES – violent rotating column of wind speeds that can reach over 200 mph, form in thunderstorms generally during spring and fall. Tornadoes can occur at anytime throughout the year.

FLOODING – heavy rainfall can cause localized flooding in low lying areas and can occur during any season if heavy rainfall occurs.

SAFETY MEASURES

Stay alert for rapidly changing weather conditions via local television, local radio or NOAA weather radio.

Tornado warning sirens on the installation sound when a tornado is visually spotted and reported by a reliable source to the Installation Operation Center or the Air Force Weather Squadron issues a tornado warning for Stewart and Hunter. The IOC will sound the warning siren based on established criteria. These warnings may come only minutes before a tornado actually strikes. The warning is a steady 15-second tone followed by a voice message “Tornado Warning” and a civil siren for one minute, this is repeated twice. The “All Clear” signal is a 15-second tone followed by the “All Clear” message – this is repeated three times.

Soldiers, Family Members and Civilians may be anywhere when a tornado warning comes. Therefore, each individual Soldier, Family

Member and Army Civilian must prepare and rehearse the best method of protection based on their location.

Do not drive through low-lying areas or around barricades. You are liable if you ignore safety barricades and endanger yourself and others by driving through flooded roadways.

Stay hydrated and cool to prevent heat injuries during the summer months.

Stay away from windows and move inside to prevent being struck by lightning if thunderstorms are in the area.

Provide pets with shelter during any severe weather – they are just as vulnerable to the effects as we are.

PREPARE FOR HURRICANE FORCE WINDS

GEORGIA WEB SITE FOR INLAND SHELTERS STATUS

The Georgia Emergency Management Agency maintains a web page to show the status of each state shelter. Only Open or Full shelters are displayed on this page. Contact your local emergency management agency or listen to local broadcast media before traveling to an emergency shelter to determine which shelters have actually been opened. Emergency shelters are opened only on an as needed basis.

Visit gema.ga.gov/ohsgemawebsh.nsf/FullOpenShelters?OpenForm for updated and current information.

(Call the Stewart-Hunter Information Hotline at 1-866-586-3116 to check condition or status)



SEEK SAFETY

TORNADO – Go to interior room or central shelter. Take shelter immediately if a tornado warning is issued or has been spotted in the local area. Get under cover, downstairs in the center of house. Keep away from windows.

- In a building – Go to an interior room – a hall, closet or bath, on the lowest floor. Ideally a basement. Stay away from windows and outside walls. Take shelter under heavy furniture or in a bathtub. Cover yourself with padding, mattress, pillows and blankets. Protect your head, face and eyes from flying or falling debris.

- Outdoors – Lie down in a depression, ditch or culvert. Cover your head with your arms.

- In a vehicle or mobile home – In a vehicle or mobile home is probably the worst place to be located during a tornado. Vehicles are easily tossed about by tornadoes, and fatalities

often result to occupants. Instead, leave the vehicle or mobile home. Seek shelter in a depression or in the nearest sturdy building.

- In buildings with a large, free span roof – When in such a building as the Post Exchange, Commissary, or a gymnasium go to the nearest sturdy building or if time does not permit, seek shelter in interior rooms.

Thunderstorm – Inside home or business, away from windows, seek shelter if warning is issued for local area.

FLOODING – High ground, move toward high ground if flash flood warnings are issued for the local area.

EXTREME HEAT – Inside air conditioned home or business during heat of the day, refrain from outdoor activities between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. during summer months.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

HERE ARE THE BASICS. GET MORE LISTS AT READY.ARMY.MIL

- Water—at least one gallon per person per day for at least three days
- Food—nonperishable food for at least three days; select items that require no cooking, preparation, or refrigeration such as high energy foods and ready-to-eat canned meat, vegetables and fruit
- Manual can opener
- Reusable plates, cups, utensils, saucepan
- First aid kit
- Prescription medications and medical equipment/care aids
- Personal sanitation supplies, such as moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties
- Hand-crank or battery-operated flashlight
- Hand-crank radio or battery operated cellphone charger
- Extra batteries
- Brightly colored plastic poncho (can be used as shelter, clothing or a marker)
- Weather-appropriate clothing to keep your Family warm and dry
- Cash
- Any tools needed for turning off utilities
- Local maps and your Family emergency plan
- Important documents, including will, medical and financial power of attorney, property documents, medical instructions
- Your command reporting information – know the Army Disaster Personnel Accountability and Assessment System (ADPAAS)

BE PREPARED

STAY SAFE!

STEWART HUNTER 

HURRICANE CHECKLIST

Get ready for Hurricane Season 2019!

THE BASICS

- Water – 3 gallons/person
- Food – Breakfast, lunch, and dinner for everyone (make sure it's nonperishable) & can opener
- Battery-powered NOAA weather radio with tone alert and extra batteries
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- First Aid kit
- Local maps

FOR BABIES & ADULTS

- Formula & bottles
- Diapers
- Prescription medications
- Birthdate records
- Contact lenses and extra eye glasses

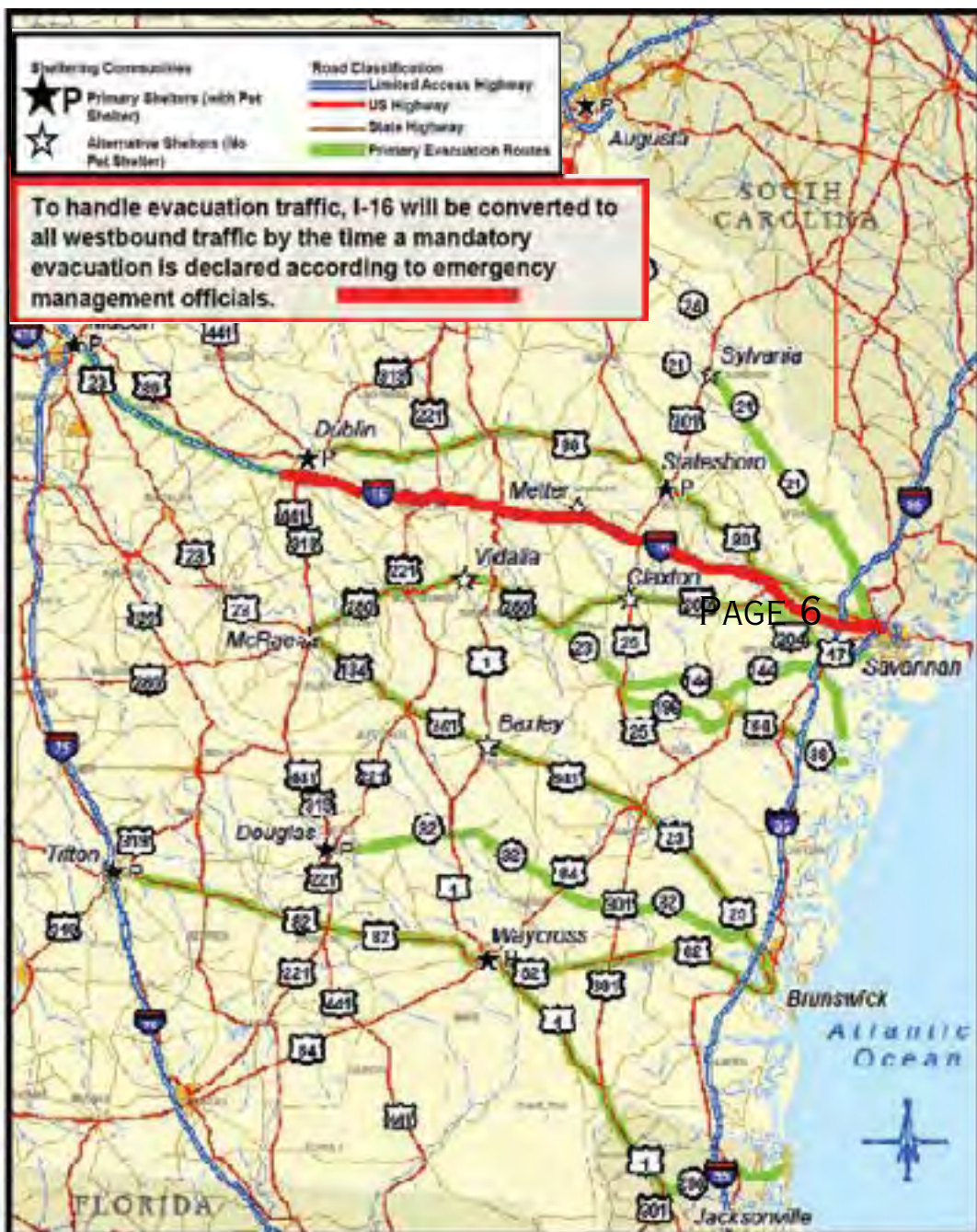
PET ESSENTIALS

- Water – don't forget bowls!
- Food & treats
- Cat litter and litter box
- Pet medications and records
- Leashes, harnesses and carriers
- Current photos of pets
- Pet beds and toys

Follow @PortStewartHurricaneArmyOnField on Facebook for the latest updates!

PRIMARY HURRICANE EVACUATION ROUTES AND INLAND SHELTERS

If Soldiers and their Families are required to evacuate their residence, they should go to one of the primary or alternate shelters identified on the following map. Every Family should register each Family member arriving at the shelter. Alcoholic beverages or weapons of any kind are not allowed into the shelters.



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STAY INFORMED



The Peach State Radio is Georgia's public radio station, which collaborates with Georgia Emergency Management Agency, and other agencies to provide real time information to people during a hurricane. Tune to these FM radio frequencies in the following areas for severe weather information.

ALBANY – 91.7
DAHLONEGA – 89.5
ATHENS – 91.7/97.9
FORT GAINES – 90.9
AUGUSTA – 90.7
MACON – 89.7
BRUNSWICK – 88.9
ROME – 97.7

CARROLLTON – 90.7
SAVANNAH – 91.1
CHATSWORTH – 98.9
TIFTON – 91.1
COLUMBUS – 88.1
VALDOSTA – 91.7
DEMOREST – 88.3
WAYCROSS – 90.1

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Approximate coverage areas shown

HURRICANE-RELATED WEB SITES

The following partial listing of weather and hurricane related web sites is provided for your information and access:

THE WEATHER CHANNEL – weather.com

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE – nws.noaa.gov

NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER – nhc.noaa.gov

READYARMY WEBSITE – ready.army.mil

FORT STEWART-HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD – home.army.mil/stewart

SEVERE WEATHER NOTIFICATION SERVICE – emergencyemailnetwork.com

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY – fema.gov

GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY – gema.state.ga.us

AMERICAN RED CROSS – redcross.org

EXTREME WEATHER INFO SHEET

FS/HAAF HOTLINE 1-866-586-3116

Stewart Emergency
Management
912-767-4414

ADPAAS Information
Hotline
1-800-833-6622

Stewart Installation
Operations Center
912-767-0820

DPW Emergency Response
FS 912-767-2883
HAAF 912-315-4003

COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENTS

BRANTLEY
912-462-7874

CHARLTON
912-496-7851

LONG
912-545-2143

BRYAN
912-858-2799

EFFINGHAM
912.754.8200

MCINTOSH
912-269-0534

CAMDEN
912-729-5602

GLYNN
912-267-5678

PIERCE
912-449-2040

CHATHAM
912-201-4500

LIBERTY
912-368-2201

WAYNE
912-427-5979

PREPARED BY

The Fort Stewart
Emergency
Management Office
912-767-4414

go to
home.army.mil/stewart
search "hurricane"

ELECTRICAL COMPANIES

GA POWER
Outage 1-888-891-0938

COASTAL ELECTRIC
Outage 1-800-421-2343

511GA.ORG

Trip times, real-time traffic
conditions, road closures,
construction, and more.

**GO WEST,
GO EARLY**

EVACUATION ROUTES

CHATHAM COUNTY

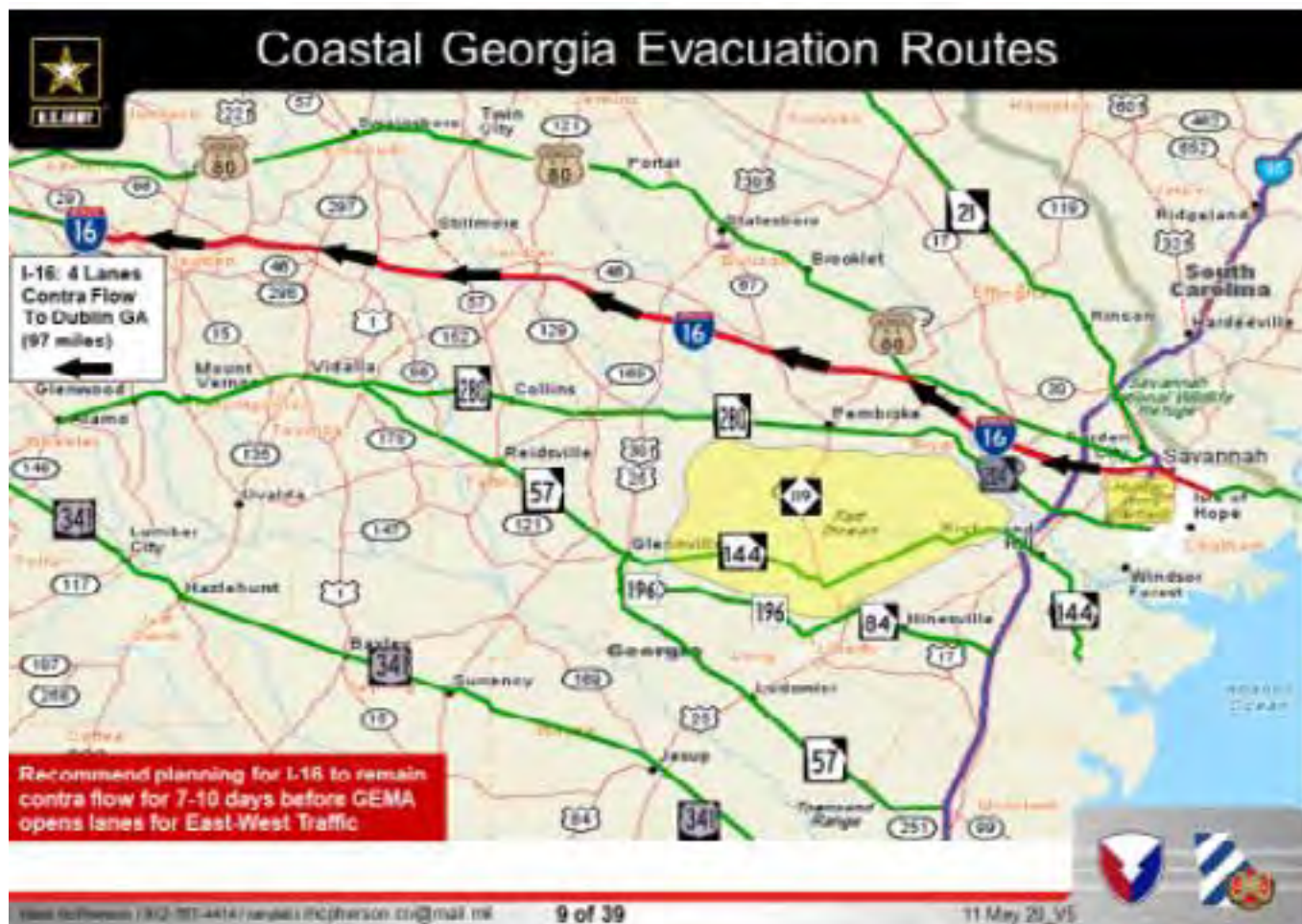
State Route 21
US 80 Interstate 16
SR 204 to US 280

BRYAN COUNTY

Highway 144 to US 301 (Glennville)

LIBERTY COUNTY

US 84 to Highway 196 to Highway 301 (Glennville)



THE TORNADO TOUCH



Courtesy photos
Top left, right and above: The national weather service in Charleston SC has confirmed a tornado touchdown on Fort Stewart in Liberty County, Feb. 3, 2016. Photo by Pat Young
Left: WTOC Storm Chasers were a popular display, June 14, 2019, at the Liberty County Hurricane Preparedness Expo.