

# 2007

## KANSAS TORNADO

### Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 5 days

2 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

- FEMA US&R IST Cache

Type - **TORNADO**



On May 4, 2007, a series of tornadoes developed over central Kansas, with the most destructive of these tornadoes occurring on the evening of May 4 in the city of Greensburg in Kiowa County. The EF-5 tornado destroyed 95% of the town, killed 11 people, and injured 60 others. The tornado was estimated at 1.7 miles in diameter with a total path of 22 miles. Winds inside the tornado were estimated in excess of 205 miles per hour.

The tornado destroyed 961 homes, caused major damage to 105, and minor damage to 67. In addition, 67 mobile homes were completely destroyed, and a total of 110 businesses were destroyed, with an additional 24 sustaining minor damage. Two public schools, 1 private school, all 9 churches, many public and government buildings, and other property were also destroyed.

On May 7, 2007, FEMA requested that TX-TF1 deploy the FEMA US&R IST Cache to Kansas. The FEMA US&R IST Cache maintained by TX-TF1 was mobilized and en route to Greensburg, KS, within 2 hours of the request by FEMA with 2 support specialist driving and maintaining the cache.

Once the TX-TF1 personnel arrived in Greensburg, Kansas, with FEMA US&R IST Cache, they assist the FEMA IST with their mission. The cache was demobilized 5 days later on May 11, with both members and the cache returning home.



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May 7-11