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Search and rescue missions become recovery mission

All children accounted for and safe after being presumed missing

WINDSOR, N.C. – Search and rescue efforts are now being redirected to a recovery mission in the Cedar Land community of Bertie County where a mobile home park was devastated by tornados overnight. The tornados were a part of the severe weather seen in the area from Tropical Isaias.

Bertie County Emergency Management Director, Mitch Cooper, noted that the fatality count remains at two (2) - 1 adult male, and 1 adult female.

Despite earlier reports, all children presumed to be missing are now accounted for and safe with loved ones.

“Members of our dedicated Emergency Operations Center are working diligently to ensure those in need of temporary shelter tonight are being taken care of, and we ask that our community continue to pray for Bertie County in the days ahead,” Mitch Cooper, Emergency Services Director, said this afternoon.

“Our community is hurting tonight, and our thoughts are with those families, as well as all of those who have been displaced because of this disaster,” Chairman Ronald Wesson, Bertie County Board of Commissioners said this afternoon.

No information is immediately available about those still in the hospital due to injuries from last night’s storms.

The number of damaged homes is still uncertain at this time.

Monetary donations to Bertie County are being accepted at ATTN: Cedar Landing Tornado, PO Box 530, Windsor, NC 27983.

All requests will be filtered and relayed to the appropriate County staff.

Media inquiries should be relayed by email only to Sarah Tinkham, Public Information Officer, at sarah.tinkham@bertie.nc.gov. Please continue to follow our Bertie County Government Facebook page for more information.

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