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### **MID Sets Up Mobile Disaster Assistance Center for Storm Victims**

Jackson, MS – A Mississippi Insurance Department mobile disaster assistance center will open tomorrow morning at 8:00 am in Petal, MS to assist Pine Belt storm victims, Commissioner of Insurance and State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney announced today.

The MID mobile disaster assistance center will be located in the Lowes parking lot at - 40 Tyner Rd in Petal (Evelyn Gandy Parkway) and will be open from 8:00 am -3:00 pm.

Insurance company disaster claims units will also be set up at the following locations:

**Allstate:** Lowes parking lot at - 40 Tyner Rd in Petal (Evelyn Gandy Parkway)

**Hartford:** Lowes parking lot at- 40 Tyner Rd in Petal (Evelyn Gandy Parkway)

**Shelter:** Located at Agent Jeff Mills' office on 220 Central Ave in Petal

These units are primarily for issuing additional living/emergency expense payments to those who are immediately displaced.

The Mississippi State Fire Marshal's Office, which has had deputies on the ground in Hattiesburg since early Saturday morning, will remain in the area to assist local authorities.

“Our first priority is to help protect lives and property and we will continue to work with FEMA, MEMA and all agencies to assist storm victims,” Chaney added.

When hiring a contractor to assist with repairs, MID recommends you get references and a written contract on work to be performed. You may verify a contractor's license by calling the Mississippi State Board of Contractors at 1-800-880-6161 or visit their website at <http://www.msbc.us>.

A list of company #800 Claims reporting numbers can be found on the Be Prepared pages of the

MID website at [www.mid.ms.gov](http://www.mid.ms.gov). The page also includes tips for consumers in disaster recovery. Consumers may call the MID Consumer Services at 1-800-562-2957 for additional assistance.