

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - October 2007

Location	Date/Time	Deaths & Injuries	Property & Crop Dmg	Event Type and Details
FLORIDA, West Panhandle				
ESCAMBIA COUNTY --- 2.0 NE WARRINGTON [30.40, -87.24], 0.7 ENE BRENT [30.47, -87.21]				
	10/18/07 09:10 CST		1M	Tornado (EF1, L: 5.62 mi , W: 150 yd)
	10/18/07 09:25 CST	4	0	Source: NWS Storm Survey

A storm survey was conducted Thursday afternoon on the tornado that struck Pensacola Florida on October 18. The tornado was rated an EF1 on the new enhanced Fujita scale (86-109 mph). The maximum width of the tornado was about 150 yards and the track length was about 5.5 miles. The tornado began around 1010 am CDT and lasted for about fifteen minutes.

The storm probably started as a waterspout over the Bay. Damage first began along the water just northeast of Pensacola Naval Air Station (just south of Silvershore drive). Minor damage occurred in this area. The storm tracked northeast over the water just parallel to the shore and moved ashore near the old Bayou Chico drawbridge. Several homes in this area suffered roof damage. Several boats were flipped over in this area as there are several boat storage facilities located near the water.

The tornado moved northeast and crossed Garden street near "E" street. Minor tree and power line damage occurred along this track. The tornado started causing a little more damage near Gregory and "D" streets as this is a more populated area. The tornado continued tracking northeast and crossed Cervantes near "A" street and continued northeast and crossed Highway 29 near Mallory street. Most of the home and church damage occurred along the track from "B" to Barcelona streets. A couple of homes near Jackson street were heavily damaged and a church on "A" street had part of its roof taken off. Four minor injuries also happened in this area. A daycare center in the church had been alerted to a tornado and had taken cover several minutes before the tornado hit.

After crossing Highway 29 the storm crossed I-110 just north of the pool and started tracking a little more to the north northeast and crossed Davis near the ball fields. Mostly tree and power line damage occurred along this track. The ball fields had bleachers turned over and power lines down.

The storm continued to the north northeast and crossed Ninth avenue near Texar drive and crossed Bayou boulevard near the Target store and eventually dissipated near Cordova mall. Most of the damage from the ball fields to Target was tree damage and minor roof damage. Thirty cars in the Target parking lot were totally destroyed. Very little damage occurred to the store. Across the street, Office Depot suffered roof damage. Part of the mall had skylights damaged and this allowed water to fall into part of the mall. No damage was found north of the mall.

The storm destroyed four structures...caused major damage to twenty-four structures and caused minor damage to fifty eight structures.

An EF1 tornado moved across Pensacola, just missing the downtown area.

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Pensacola tornado taken from a building.