

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE MOUNT HOLLY NJ

836 PM EDT WED JUL 29 2009

...TORNADO CONFIRMED NEAR STROUDSBURG IN **MONROE COUNTY**  
PENNSYLVANIA...

LOCATION...STROUDSBURG IN MONROE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

DATE...JULY 29, 2009

ESTIMATED TIME...1:35 PM EDT

MAXIMUM EF-SCALE RATING...EF-2

ESTIMATED MAXIMUM WIND SPEED...120 MPH

MAXIMUM PATH WIDTH...300 FEET

PATH LENGTH...5 MILES

FATALITIES...NONE

INJURIES...2

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CHANGE PENDING FINAL REVIEW OF THE EVENT(S) AND PUBLICATION IN NWS  
STORM DATA.

...SUMMARY...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN MOUNT HOLLY NJ HAS CONFIRMED A  
TORNADO NEAR STROUDSBURG IN MONROE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA ON JULY 29,  
2009.

THE TORNADO AFFECTED HAMILTON AND STROUD TOWNSHIPS IN SOUTHEAST  
MONROE COUNTY, PA. FOUR LARGE FARM BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED, ALONG  
WITH ONE SINGLE-FAMILY GARAGE. ROOFS WERE BLOWN OFF OF TWO HOUSES.  
TWO INJURIES WERE REPORTED, ONE OF WHICH REQUIRED HOSPITALIZATION.

THIS INFORMATION CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT  
[WEATHER.GOV/PHI](http://WEATHER.GOV/PHI).

FOR REFERENCE...THE ENHANCED FUJITA SCALE CLASSIFIES TORNADOES INTO  
THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

EF0...WIND SPEEDS 65 TO 85 MPH.

EF1...WIND SPEEDS 86 TO 110 MPH.

EF2...WIND SPEEDS 111 TO 135 MPH.

EF3...WIND SPEEDS 136 TO 165 MPH.

EF4...WIND SPEEDS 166 TO 200 MPH.

EF5...WIND SPEEDS GREATER THAN 200 MPH.

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1132 AM EDT THU JUL 30 2009

...TORNADO CONFIRMED NEAR **WANTAGE IN SUSSEX COUNTY NEW JERSEY...**

LOCATION...WANTAGE IN SUSSEX COUNTY NEW JERSEY  
DATE...JULY 29 2009  
ESTIMATED TIME...248 PM - 300 PM EDT  
MAXIMUM EF- SCALE RATING...EF2  
ESTIMATED MAXIMUM WIND SPEED...120 MPH  
MAXIMUM PATH WIDTH...100 YARDS  
PATH LENGTH...7 MILES  
FATALITIES...0  
INJURIES...0

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THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN MOUNT HOLLY NJ HAS CONFIRMED A TORNADO NEAR WANTAGE IN SUSSEX COUNTY NEW JERSEY ON JULY 29 2009.

MOST OF THE WIND DAMAGE WAS MAINLY TO TREES. TWO BARNs PARTIALLY COLLAPSED, ONE SILO WAS DESTROYED AND TWO OTHER SILOS WERE DAMAGED.

THIS WAS FIRST CONFIRMED TORNADO IN SUSSEX COUNTY SINCE AUGUST 13, 1990. THIS WAS THE FIRST CONFIRMED TORNADO IN THE MOUNT HOLLY CWA PART OF NEW JERSEY SINCE JUNE 2, 2006. THIS IS THE STRONGEST TORNADO EVER IN SUSSEX COUNTY SINCE RECORDS STARTED IN 1950. THIS IS THE FIRST F2 OR EF2 TORNADO IN NEW JERSEY AS WELL AS IN THE MOUNT HOLLY CWA SINCE MAY 27, 2001 IN MANALAPAN IN MONMOUTH COUNTY.

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