

Shown on this and the following page is damage caused by a tornado that touched down in southwest Topeka at 1406CST on November 15th. The narrow but at times strong (F2) tornado moved northeast through the urban area along a 5 mile path, but was only in contact with the ground about 30% of the time. The tornado did 3.9 million dollars in damage and caused injury to 22 people. The damage pictured from top to bottom at right includes: 1) a telephone pole near Topeka West High School that was snapped off about two feet above the ground; 2) a street sign that was bent nearly to the ground, a fence across the street that acted as a debris catchment, and an Arby's restaurant (background) with roof and sign damage; and 3) an aluminum light pole and wooden power pole outside of a shopping center that were bent to the ground and snapped off 6 feet above the ground, respectively. ---All three photos by Bill Barlow, NWSFO at Topeka, Kansas.

