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FRIDAY MORNING STORMS CAUSE SEVERE DAMAGE, ONE FATALITY IN COWETA COUNTY

ATLANTA – In the early hours of Friday, March 26, severe storms, including at least one tornado, touched down in Newnan and parts of Coweta County, causing significant damage and leading to at least one fatality. Many were left without power as of Friday morning due to downed trees and power lines across the area.

"My heartfelt sympathies go out to those impacted by today's early morning storms," said Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. "As we begin to assess damages, I encourage impacted policyholders and those with concerns or questions about their insurance coverage to reach out to my Consumer Services team (800) 656-2298 or (404) 656-2070."

Commissioner King's Consumer Services Division is there to answer insurance-related questions and assist impacted policyholders who are having issues contacting their insurance company. In addition to the numbers listed above, Georgians can find helpful resources at <u>oci.georgia.gov/insurance-resources/home</u>.

Additionally, impacted policyholders should:

- Document all losses by taking photographs and extensive notes
- Notify your insurance companies of any damages immediately
- Do what you can to prevent further damage while leaving significant repairs to the experts
- Save all receipts for future insurance claims
- Beware of door-to-door public adjusters who may scam consumers at their most vulnerable points

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