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HUDGENS: INSURED LOSSES FROM STORMS ESTIMATED AT \$75 MILLION

Atlanta – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens said tornadoes that struck Georgia on Wednesday caused an estimated \$75 million in insured losses.

“That figure will rise as new claims are reported,” Hudgens said. “Damage to the Daiki Corporation manufacturing plant in Adarisville was quite extensive.”

Hudgens reminds Georgians that they can call his Consumer Services Division at **404-656-2070** or, outside the Metro area, **1-800-656-2298**, if they have questions about a claim, or if they are experiencing difficulty reaching their insurance company. Phone lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Consumers with damaged property can take the following steps to begin the claims-filing process:

- * Contact your insurance agent immediately if you have had damage to either your house or car; do not delay. Your agent should provide you with claims forms and arrange for an insurance adjuster to visit your property or look at your automobile.
- * Secure your property. For example, if your roof was damaged or blown off, or a tree has punctured the roof, cover the affected area with a tarp or plywood to protect your property from further damage. Keep receipts of materials used for repairs; your insurance company will reimburse you for repair costs.

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