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## **OXENDINE: INSURED LOSSES FROM CALHOUN HOUSE EXPLOSION ESTIMATED AT \$6 MILLION**

**Atlanta** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John W. Oxendine said a house explosion in Calhoun, Ga., that occurred one month ago caused an estimated \$6 million in insured losses.

“These are the latest figures from companies insuring property in the blast area,” Oxendine said. “The most extensive damage is in the Saddle Brook subdivision.”

On April 15 around 4 p.m. a three-story house exploded on Saddle Mountain Drive, leaving nearly 60 homes in the surrounding area with severe to minor damage. Eight families in the Saddle Brook subdivision were left homeless.

“I’ve directed my staff to make every effort to work with consumers and help them through this difficult time,” Oxendine said.

Oxendine 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 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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