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OXENDINE: INSURED LOSSES FROM TUESDAY'S STORMS ESTIMATED AT \$6 MILLION, EXPECTED TO RISE

Atlanta – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John W. Oxendine said insured losses from last night's storms in Cherokee and North Fulton Counties is estimated at \$6 million, though that amount will probably rise as more damage reports come in.

“This morning I documented damage in communities north of Atlanta that was quite extensive,” Oxendine said. “As we get more reports from insurance companies, I expect the loss amount will have to be adjusted upward.”

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.

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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