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## **HUDGENS ESTIMATES \$15 MILLION IN INSURED LOSSES FROM THE LABOR DAY STORMS ACROSS NORTH GEORGIA**

**Atlanta** – Insurance Commissioner Ralph T. Hudgens estimates insured losses across north Georgia from Monday’s severe weather has now reached an estimated \$15 million.

“I want to remind everyone that these are very preliminary numbers,” Hudgens said. “It takes weeks for both the insurers and the insured to fully assess the extent of the damage from the storm. To date, we have had 408 insurance companies report their storm-related data. Per my directive issued on September 6, 2011, the companies will continue to report information into our system over the next few weeks. These companies report that they have incurred approximately \$15 million in losses across 3,646 claims.”

Commissioner Hudgens would like to remind Georgians to inventory their belongings in case of a disaster. For iPhone users this task can now be handled through an App called Scr.APP.bk provided by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. This App will allow iPhone users to take pictures of their items, scan barcodes, add purchase price and date, and it even provides great tips regarding disaster preparation and insurance.

By going to the Department of Insurance’s website ([www.oci.ga.gov](http://www.oci.ga.gov)) and following the simple instructions on how to download the application, Georgians will have a catalog of their belongings. Also on the website, iPhone users can watch a demo video.

Commissioner Hudgens also wants to remind Georgians that they can call his Consumer Services Division at **404-656-2070**, or outside the Metro area at **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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