

## **Greg Higginbotham**

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**From:** Minor Norman  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 11:34 AM  
**To:** Greg Higginbotham  
**Subject:** Tornado disaster response

Good morning Greg,

Just wanted to let you know that last Friday night after the tornado ripped through Mississippi, I responded to Humphreys County after communicating with our Regional Area Field Director of MEMA. Also, responding along with me was a team of 11 from the Town of Flora and also 2 members of the Valley View Fire Department. Our meet-up destination was Silver City in Humphreys County. I arrived there about 30 minutes before the others and eventually found Humphreys County's EMA Director who advised that they had enough help and to go ahead and make our way to Rolling Fork where help was still being requested. Halfway there, we came across a home located on the side of the highway that was completely destroyed. We searched the debris of what was left and couldn't find anyone. After about a 15-minute quick search, we continued towards Rolling Fork, driving around downed power lines. Once we arrived in Rolling Fork, I checked our team in with the Incident Command that was set up at the John Deere dealership, one of the few buildings that wasn't damaged or destroyed. I was assigned the task of Incident Command over the entire Search and Rescue Operations, and I sent out our team alongside of State recognized USAR (Urban Search and Rescue) teams that also consisted of many members from the City of Madison's Police and Fire Department. Our team involvement started around midnight and went on until right at daylight, when the search teams started reporting back in. The Flora and Valley View team then headed back home. Somewhere between 8:00 and 9:00 Saturday morning, I was relieved from my command by Adams, Warren and Yazoo County. I then went and helped search through what was left of the Dollar General Store that was a huge, mangled pile of debris that still needed to be searched through with the help of heavy equipment and cutting torches. I left Rolling Fork at 11:30 Saturday morning and arrived back home just after 1:00 that afternoon.

Sunday afternoon, I received a call from the State Fire Coordinator requesting to have a Fire Department team on standby with a Tanker Truck and supporting equipment to be able to assist Rolling Fork with Fire Service. I have contacted Canton Fire, Gluckstadt Fire, Madison Fire and Ridgeland Fire who each have agreed to send a paid fireman to assist as needed. Right now, we are on standby and could be called for service at the beginning of next week if the Emergency Proclamation is extended. I will keep you informed on that status and what assistance from the County is needed to support that team. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks in advance,  
Minor

## Greg Higginbotham

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**From:** Albert Jones 3  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2023 8:04 AM  
**To:** Greg Higginbotham  
**Subject:** Fw: Request

Thanks,

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**Subject:** Request

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I am requesting additional help from Madison county for an ema Director on behalf of sharkey County on March 29 and March 30th. Thanks ahead of time for your assistance

Jack Willingham  
Sent from my iPhone