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Dallas County Judge Jenkins Provides Severe Weather Damage Update

DALLAS, Texas ---The National Weather Service has preliminary confirmed a EF3 tornado went through Rowlett and a EF4 tornado went through Garland yesterday evening. We are beginning to get preliminary damage reports from across the county.

In Sunnyvale, a RV park had approximately 63 structures with some level of damage. In Glenn Heights, approximately 116 structures have been damaged, with 29 homes with major damage. In Rowlett, there may be as many as 600 homes with damage. Please note these numbers are preliminary and subject to change. Assessments are ongoing but have been delayed due to the continued rain.

Due to downed power lines, damaged structures and debris, we are encouraging people to avoid any affected areas and let first responders do their jobs without interference.

In the City of Rowlett, a 24 hour curfew has been established for the affected areas. Only residents and emergency personnel will be allowed in those areas. For the safety of all responders and residents, please be respectful of this curfew.

"I am so proud of our first responders including the regular citizens who have helped their neighbors in DeSoto, Garland, Glenn Heights, Rowlett and Sunnyvale. With an increase in rainfall in the last 24 hours, flash flooding is still a threat so we encourage residents to stay home if you don't have to be out tonight," said County Judge Clay Jenkins.

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