



# News Release

Shelby County Government Emergency Management & Homeland Security Office  
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## **Shelby County Severe Weather Event October 21, 2019**

On the morning of October 21, 2019, severe weather made its way through the Mid-South. An EF-1 tornado with estimated peak winds of 105 miles per hour caused significant damage to buildings and businesses.

The Shelby County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Office, in conjunction with the City of Memphis Office of Emergency Management and the American Red Cross Mid-South Chapter will open a Multi-Agency Resource Center at Olivet Baptist Church, located at 4450 Knight Arnold Road, to better assist citizens who were impacted by the storm. Representatives from the Tennessee Department of Human Services, Shelby County Division of Community Services, Memphis Housing and Community Development, the American Red Cross Mid-South, along with other community agencies will be on site to assist those in need. The Multi-Agency Resource Center hours of operation are as follows:

10:00 AM – 6:00 PM Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

In addition to the Multi-Agency Resource Center, the American Red Cross has opened a shelter operating twenty-four (24) hours a day at the Marion Hale Community Center located at 4791 Willow Road for citizens who have been displaced. The Salvation Army is supporting the operation of the shelter.

To report storm damage, please go to [www.staysafeshelby.us](http://www.staysafeshelby.us) and complete the Shelby County Storm Damage Reporting Form. Any citizen needing additional information can call the Shelby County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Office at 901-222-6700 or 311.

**End Release**

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