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Summer Storms Affect Central and Northeast Kansas

CHAPMAN - Congressman Jerry Moran today asked President Bush for federal assistance for the central and northeast area of Kansas that suffered extensive damage following severe weather yesterday evening and night. A Presidential declaration will provide federal assistance for disaster relief and emergency assistance. Moran visited the community of Chapman today where a tornado devastated parts of the community.

"This very much reminds me of Greensburg," Moran said. "We are fortunate the entire town was not destroyed. The loss of life is a tragedy. This is their home and the residents of Chapman will do everything they can to rebuild."

Moran today spoke with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator R. David Paulison and other FEMA officials about assistance from the federal government. Federal assistance can help with cleanup and recovery efforts for public facilities and infrastructure. It can also include assistance from federal programs including housing and small business.

In Chapman, damage included more than 80 percent of residences and destruction of churches and schools. In Manhattan, homes and businesses were devastated in the southwest part of the city. Approximately \$20 million in damages were sustained to the Kansas State University campus. Two fatalities and numerous critical and minor injuries have been reported from the severe weather that swept the region.

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