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## DIRECTOR'S NEWS UPDATE



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Over the past few days, Oklahoma experienced a series of powerful storms that swept through the state leaving a devastating path of destruction. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of those who have lost family members and/or homes during these horrific weather events. As rescue workers continue to perform their jobs and more information continues to be provided, the scope of devastation will continue to change. As of this writing, it is known that the homes of five of our employees were destroyed during the tornadoes that tracked through Shawnee on Sunday, May 19, and Moore on Monday, May 20.

It is important that we first focus on those of our corrections family that have been directly impacted. A special collection will be taken up and passed on to the DOC families that have been affected directly by these events. Employees wishing to make a donation may do so by sending a check or money order payable to the DOC Employee Fund (with "disaster fund" specified in the memo field) at Oklahoma Department of Corrections, Attn: Lori Smith, 3400 North Martin Luther King Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73111.

Updates will be provided as they become available.