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Disaster Has Destroyed Many Parts of Perryton, but Response Will be Swift and the City will Quickly Rebuild

PERRYTON—Texas State Senator Kevin Sparks visited the City of Perryton this morning after it was hit with a massive tornado yesterday evening, destroying many parts of the city. “The amount of destruction the people of Perryton experienced yesterday afternoon was simply catastrophic,” Senator Sparks said. “After touring the damaged areas of the city, it is clear that Perryton will have a long road to recovery. However, after talking to community leaders, I’m confident that the residents of Perryton will rebuild—and in a stronger way. The Texas Department of Emergency Management is heading up the situation on the ground and we are grateful for the resources they are helping coordinate during this time.”

The Texas Department of Emergency Management has been assessing the situation and providing relief alongside several other agencies since before the tornado even struck Perryton. Governor Abbott has also directed TDEM to coordinate with the Texas Department of Transportation, the Texas A&M Forest Service, the Texas Department of State Health Services, and other relevant agencies to provide traffic control, Incident Management Teams, and the delivery of supplies, among other necessary recovery efforts. The following locations in Perryton have been set up for those in need of immediate assistance:

- **Meals:** United Supermarkets will be serving free food to first responders and impacted community members from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. in the parking lot, located at 2806 S. Main St.
- **Cooling Center:** The Red Cross is hosting a cooling station for people impacted by the tornado. Community Worship Center, located at 2210 S.W. 15th Ave. in Perryton.
- **Donations Collection Site:** Food, clothes, toiletries, and other items may be donated to the Community Worship Center, located at 2210 S.W. 15th Ave., Perryton, TX 79070.
- **Volunteer Reception Center:** A reception center for volunteers wishing to assist with relief efforts can also be found at the Perryton High School Cafeteria, located at 1200 S. Jefferson St.

Senator Sparks continued: “The people of Texas will help in this recovery effort—we are confident of that because that’s what Texans do. It will take some time, but Perryton will rebuild. In the meantime, I believe that Texans are strong believers in the power of prayer, and I would strongly encourage every person who reads this to pray for Perryton’s speedy recovery.”

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