

# Southeast Tornado MAT

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*Daily Report*  
*Sunday 08 May 2011*

## Overview

Three MATs deployed to the damage areas in the Tuscaloosa, AL area for a second day to visit areas of interest.

## Notable Findings

- **A FEMA 320 Prescriptive Safe Room Located in Tuscaloosa, AL**



**FEMA 320 Safe Room: Installation matches style of house**

- a) Safe room is installed in right corner of porch
- b) Above-ground style chosen for access due to physical needs – note the wheel chair ramp on porch for access to the back yard
- c) Safe room was occupied during this and several previous events
- d) Safe room was won a few years ago as part of a raffle by the local emergency management office for 20 safe rooms

- **Rosedale Courts Apartment Complex**



**Rosedale Courts Apartment Complex: Location of two fatalities**

- a) Two fatalities occurred when children were sucked out of the house from bunk beds
- b) Victims were found across street

- **Tuscaloosa Public Works and EOC**

The Tuscaloosa Public Works operations facility and EOC is located in an old Delphi Automotive subassembly plant. There is a 50-foot x 100-foot tornado shelter under the EOC.

- a) The EOC was occupied during event by approximately 12 people, though they did not occupy the tornado shelter during the event
- b) The tornado shelter remained intact
- c) The entrance to the shelter is an overhead garage door; the door was perforated by wind-borne debris during the tornado event
- d) The glazing of the entry door to the facility was damaged.



**Tuscaloosa Public Works and EOC: Entrance to the below-ground tornado shelter is located at front left corner of the building**