More aerial photos of the damage in Tuscaloosa. 52 total now.


6:16 PM April 28 2011 via web

Wayne Grayson @WayneGrayson
Cantore said he would be “shocked” if the storm that hit Tuscaloosa didn’t surpass super outbreak of 1974 in lives lost in the last 50 years.

5:57 PM April 28 2011 via Tweetbot for iPhone

Aaron Suttles @Aaron Suttles
http://twitpic.com/4qom97

5:27 PM April 28 2011 via Twitter for Android

Aaron Suttles @Aaron Suttles
http://twitpic.com/4qolyf

5:26 PM April 28 2011 via Twitter for Android

Aaron Suttles @Aaron Suttles
http://twitpic.com/4qolm0

5:25 PM April 28 2011 via Twitter for Android
Tweets

Aaron Suttles @Aaron Suttles
http://twitpic.com/4qolcd
5:24 PM April 28 2011 via Twitter for Android

Aaron Suttles @Aaron Suttles
http://twitpic.com/4qokhx
5:22 PM April 28 2011 via Twitter for Android

Aaron Suttles @Aaron Suttles
http://twitpic.com/4qoiww
5:18 PM April 28 2011 via Twitter for Android

Wayne Grayson @WayneGrayson
This used to be the Krispy Kreme drive thru.
http://yfrog.com/h6c7dtvj
4:41 PM - April 28 2011 via TweetDeck

Wayne Grayson @WayneGrayson
One final shot along McFarland Blvd. Gutted.
http://yfrog.com/h8cvynaj
4:39 PM - April 28 2011 via TweetDeck

APRIL 27 TORNADO The Tuscaloosa News
PULITZER PRIZE ENTRY: BREAKING NEWS
AaronSuttles @Aaron Suttles
This is what remains of a house in Forest Lake.
http://t.co/fuc9XHm
2:50 PM April 28 2011 via Twitter for Android

AaronSuttles @Aaron Suttles
Just saw Coach Cochran, Michael Williams and Arie K. handing out drinks at Mike and Eds bbq on 15th Street.
2:48 PM April 28 2011 via Twitter for Android

tuscaloosanews @tuscaloosanews.com
1359 in Tuscaloosa backed up to I20/59
2:48 PM April 28 2011 via Echofon

ChaseGoodbread @Chase Goodbread
Volunteer line at St. Matthias stretched a quarter mile easily.
http://twitpic.com/4qmtsd
2:25 PM April 28 2011 via web
Obama: We can't control the storms. We can control how we respond to this disaster.
2:27 PM April 28 2011 via Echofon

ChaseGoodbread Side street just off Hargrove.
http://twitpic.com/4qmsav
2:20 PM April 28 2011 via twitpic

ChaseGoodbread Downed oaks.
http://twitpic.com/4qmr88
2:17 PM April 28 2011 via twitpic

ChaseGoodbread Debris stripped the bark clean off this tree.
http://twitpic.com/4qmqd t
2:15 PM April 28 2011 via twitpic

Obama: I've declared a state of emergency in Alabama and will travel to Alabama tomorrow
2:15 PM April 28 2011 via Echofon

Obama discussing the storms
2:14 PM April 28 2011 via Echofon

T-News’ @CecilHurt on @finebaum now talking about the tornado
2:14 PM April 28 2011 via Echofon

AaronSuttles This is where Milo's and Full Moon used to be.
http://twitpic.com/4qmfzt
1:46 PM April 28 2011 via Twitter for Android

JB_Morton Blood drive for #Tuscaloosa and W. Ala. area underway at Northridge Fitness in Northport. All blood types needed.
1:30 PM April 28 2011 via web
Tweets

@tuscaloosanews
Video from Alberta City.
http://bit.ly/k3oPPz
1:16 PM April 28 2011 via web

@tuscaloosanews
UA cancels final exams. Students can take their current grades or schedule a final exam for later
1:30 PM April 28 2011 via web

Wayne Grayson
Back in the newsroom to write. Struggling to put the devastation into words. So many in Alberta without homes, food and drink walking West.
12:45 PM April 28 2011 via web

Brianreynolds13
Passing another convoy of around a dozen power trucks heading north from Montgomery
12:45 PM April 28 2011 via Echofon

@tuscaloosanews
12:32 P.M. UPDATE: City urges water conservation, limit driving.
http://bit.ly/iE34Ak
12:41 PM April 28 2011 via web

Brianreynolds13
Power trucks heading north on I65
http://plixi.com/p/96762360
12:26 PM April 28 2011 via Echofon

@tuscaloosanews
Report damaged areas by filling out this form in our Tuscaloosanews.com Tornado Resource Center.
12:15 PM April 28 2011 via web

The online source for West Alabama
Tuscaloosa, AL http://www.tuscaloosanews.com

PULITZER PRIZE ENTRY: BREAKING NEWS
Tweets

ChaseGoodbread @Chase Goodbread
Volunteer rallypoint on Skyland Blvd. People being briefed on chainsaw safety.
http://twitpic.com/4qflot
12:11 PM April 28 2011 via Twitpic

 tuscaloosanews @tuscaloosanews.com
Tell The Tuscaloosa News your tornado story.
http://bit.ly/mQx6EO
12:12 PM April 28 2011 via web

 tuscaloosanews @tuscaloosanews.com
If you are looking for a loved one, or you want to indicate you are safe, use this form on The Tuscaloosa News.
12:10 PM April 28 2011 via web

Wayne Grayson @WayneGrayson
Ruined home @ Alberta City
http://instagr.am/p/Do3rH/
11:47 AM April 28 2011 via Instagram

Wayne Grayson @WayneGrayson
Just spoke to a lady whose home was reduced to a shell. She had owned it for 21 years. Just happy to be alive.
11:01 AM April 28 2011 via TweetDeck

Wayne Grayson @WayneGrayson
Countless folks are walking the street, large garbage bags draped over their backs stuffed full of their belongings. My heart is breaking.
10:50 AM April 28 2011 via Tweetdeck

Wayne Grayson @WayneGrayson
The sight on University Boulevard in Alberta City is one of a refugee march.
10:49 AM April 28 2011 via Tweetdeck

Wayne Grayson @WayneGrayson
Power lines lie along University Blvd. in Alberta
http://twitpic.com/4qla8s
11:59 AM April 28 2011 via Tweetbot for iPhone
President travels to Alabama tomorrow to see damage, meet w/ Governor & Alabamians; photo of briefing this morning
11:52 AM April 28 2011 via Echfon

NOON UPDATE: Alagasco sends reinforcements.
http://bit.ly/juj00O
11:42 AM April 28 2011 via web

36 deaths and over 600 injured according to @tuscaloosacity
11:36 AM April 28 2011 via Echfon

A small boy standing near a demolished convenience store overlooks the rubble in Alberta
http://yfrog.com/h7vs5raj
11:33 AM April 28 2011 via Tweetdeck

The former site of a convenience store. Folks gathered upon the rubble looking for food and other necessities
http://yfrog.com/gyyoyyqj
11:26 AM April 28 2011 via Tweetdeck

Again Alberta. This is across the street from the last photo
http://yfrog.com/gz9i6cgj
11:23 AM April 28 2011 via Tweetdeck
Wayne Grayson @WayneGrayson
More destruction in Alberta
http://yfrog.com/h45f0paj
11:21 AM April 28 2011 via Tweetdeck

Wayne Grayson @WayneGrayson
Sanctuary crumbled @ Alberta Baptist Church
http://instagr.am/p/Do0xv/
11:18 AM April 28 2011 via Instagram

Wayne Grayson @WayneGrayson
The flag still flies at the Tuscaloosa Fire and Rescue Service's destroyed Alberta station
http://yfrog.com/h7il0ft
11:15 AM April 28 2011 via TweetDeck

Chase Goodbread @Chase Goodbread
Supreme gas only at a few stations. 87 and 89 octane out.
11:12 AM April 28 2011 via txt

Wayne Grayson @WayneGrayson
More folks flee the destruction in Alberta for a long march West.
http://yfrog.com/h02u9jeaj
11:10 AM April 28 2011 via TweetDeck

JB Morton @Jason Morton
City in search-&-rescue efforts in Rosedale Ct., Forest Lake, Cedar Crest & parts of Alberta. Will stay in this phase until complete
11:09 PM April 28 2011 via Twitterrific
Sheriff's Office is organizing search and rescue effort at Holt High School now.
10:30AM April 28 2011 via web

The number for volunteers to call is 205-561-4169. Contact is Nancy Green.
10:29 AM April 28 2011 via web

Now parking on Helen Keller Blvd. and am going to attempt walking into Alberta on foot. Preparing for the worst.
10:28 AM April 28 2011 via TweetDeck

Went to the Student Rec Center to see if any UA students were still there. It's still a shelter but most of them were not there.
10:27 AM April 28 2011 via TweetDeck

Mayor, City Council preparing to give update on toll from Wednesday's tornado. Details forthcoming.
10:25 AM April 28 2011 via TweetDeck

Our reporters are headed out into the community again. We'll be updating the website and this feed regularly with what we learn.
9:38 AM April 28 2011 via Twitterrific

Call for volunteers today at noon at St. Mathias Episcopal Church across from WalMart.
7:24 AM April 28 2011 via web

In terms of where to send donations, it's not very clear yet. Red Cross of West Alabama would probably be a good start though.
6:35 AM April 28 2011 via TweetDeck
If you're in town and would like to volunteer in the cleanup effort, head to the Belk Activity Center in Bowers Park at 10 a.m.

More video from our own @penni006 showing what was left in the tornado's wake at intersection of 15th St. and McFarland

Frightening video from News videographer @penni006 of the huge tornado coming into area near 15th Street and McFarland

The Aftermath: Staff accounts of the 4/27 Tuscaloosa tornado

A couple pretty intense videos coming, we've just had a hard time with power in the building and getting them processed.

More video from the storm shot from university mall
Both the University of Alabama and the University of West Alabama are closed Thursday due to storms. Both are unsure when they will reopen.

UA has cancelled classes and suspended normal operations for Thursday, April 28th. More: http://www.ua.edu/weather/

UA student Clay Hasenfuss shot this video of the storm.

Rumors abounding on Twitter about Dreamland. Full Moon is gone, but Dreamland didn’t look to be in the storms path.

Mayor confirms 15 dead, more than 100 injured, @JB_Morton is reporting

Mayor: Gov. Bentley pledged full resources of state, including use of Alabama National Guard.

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And DCH will be requesting a mobile hospital from State EMA, as the dead and injured are expected to only rise.

8:42 PM April 27 2011 via Twitterrific

The #tornado made a direct hit on the Curry Building, which houses city's Environmental Services. It is now “inoperable,” Maddox said.

8:41 PM April 27 2011 via Twitterrific

More than 83,000 are without power in #Tuscaloosa area, and the city's infrastructure has been “decimated,” Maddox said.

8:40 PM April 27 2011 via Twitterrific

Mayor has now confirmed 15 fatalities and “well over 100” injured.

8:37 PM April 27 2011 via Twitterrific

Heavy breath all they could muster in it's shadow. “@bpmartin: This is a terrifying video.”

http://j.mp/ijKUmU #fb

8:19 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck for iPhone
Aaron Suttles @AaronSuttles
http://twitpic.com/4qbzu6
8:16 PM April 27 2011 via Twitter for Android

Jamon Smith @jamonsmith
I'm watching firemen try to dig a girl out of the rubble of my apartments right now.
http://plixi.com/p/96574021
8:17 PM April 27 2011 via Echofon

Aaron Suttles @AaronSuttles
http://t.co/q56j0Iq
8:16 PM April 27 2011 via Twitter for Android
Aaron Suttles @Aaron Suttles
This is from 15th street in front of Mcdonalds looking toward DCH.
http://twitpic.com/4qbw1d
8:06 PM April 27 2011 via Twitter for Android

Wayne Grayson @WayneGrayson
Another shot of the house in the last tweet. It used to be 2 stories. First floor was crushed.
http://yfrog.com/gyjd8paj
8:06 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

Wayne Grayson @WayneGrayson
Shot of a house that was ripped from it foundation. Those stairs used to reach the door
http://yfrog.com/gzf8drnj
8:05 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck
City Hall confirms Belk Activity Center is a shelter for those displaced by storm. No other shelters est’d at this time.
8:06 PM April 27 2011 via Twitterrific

This is 15th looking west.
http://t.co/I4JALhH
8 PM April 27 2011 via Twitter for Android

15th Street is full of parked cars & people walking. Lines down all over & side streets are littered with trees
http://yfrog.com/h4gp8vrj
8 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

DCH wants to dispel myth that it is a shelter for a future storm. It is not a shelter & there is no indication another one is coming.
8 PM April 27 2011 via Twitterrific

DCH urging those with bumps, bruises to seek another medical center or wait until tomorrow. Staff swamped with trauma-based injuries.
7:58 PM April 27 2011 via Twitterrific
Tweets

Jamon Smith@jamonsmith
I’m watching firemen try to dig a girl out of the rubble of my apartments right now.
7:31 PM April 27 2011 via txt

Tommy Deas@tommydeas
Drove down 15th Street a ways and nothing to block vision: trees and buildings gone, just rubble
7:22 PM April 27 2011 via txt

Wayne Grayson@WayneGrayson
Another shot from Forest Lake. I used to live here and do not recognize it.
http://yfrog.com/h8wuwilj
7:17 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

Wayne Grayson@WayneGrayson
This is from Forest Lake Avenue. And I am speechless. Literally looks like a bomb went off here.
http://yfrog.com/h4ci1ej
7:12 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

Katherine Lee1@Katherine Lee
Trees down, blocking the road at 10th Ave south of Hargrove.
7:09 PM April 28 2011 via TweetDeck
Blinds of Mike & Ed's BBQ flap through busted windows.

Wayne Grayson  
Blinds of Mike & Ed's BBQ flap through busted windows.  
http://yfrog.com/h2yi6pvj  
6:41 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

It is a wasteland.

Wayne Grayson  
It is a wasteland.  
http://yfrog.com/h7a08kjj  
6:41 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

This is from Lake Avenue right off of 15th. Top flop of home is demolished.

Wayne Grayson  
This is from Lake Avenue right off of 15th. Top flop of home is demolished.  
http://yfrog.com/gyefedtj  
6:39PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck
Wayne Grayson @WayneGrayson
The damage from 16th Street an up is indescribable. Many trees down and many homes with crushed roofs.
6:27 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

Aaron Suttles @Aaron Suttles
I don’t mean to overstate, but it looks like bombs went off. Nothing left standing. Complete rubble. Cars upside down and caved in.
6:24 PM April 27 2011 via Twitter for Android

Wayne Grayson @WayneGrayson
House near corner of 4th Ave and 17th Street.
http://yfrog.com/h24qpfrrj
6:22 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

Wayne Grayson @WayneGrayson
The smell of natural gas is pungent in the air as gas many meters were busted open in the area.
6:21 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

Wayne Grayson @WayneGrayson
At the corner of 4th Avenue and 18th Street. Forest Lake Methodist is mostly unscathed but the same can’t be said for the houses around it.
6:20 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

Tommy Deas @tommydeas
Tons of UA students doing walking tours to see the damage
6:17 PM April 27 2011 via txt

Tommy Deas @tommydeas
Part of stadium light structure thru press box roof at Central High, huge trees down at adjacent park
6:15 PM April 27 2011 via txt
Wayne Grayson @WayneGrayson
Another shot from 1700 block of 15th Street. The owner wasn’t here when it happened.
http://yfrog.com/gys8ftmj
6:14 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

Aaron Suttles @Aaron Suttles
It’s much worse than I could ever explain. Trying to tweet pics but towers are down. Hokkaido is gone. Just gone like it never existed.
6:14 PM April 27 2011 via Twitter for Android

Wayne Grayson @WayneGrayson
Lots of trees down behind 15th Street from 16th St. over. This is 1700 block of 5th Ave.
http://yfrog.com/h0l07pzbj
6:09 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

Jamon Smith @jamonsmith
Alberta’s been devastated. People are fleeing it headed to the hospital.
6:08 PM April 27 2011 via txt

Aaron Suttles @Aaron Suttles
Out surveying damage. It’s bad, folks. Tuscaloosa around 15th street and McFarland is gone. Total destruction. CVS gone. 15th wiped out.
5:46 PM April 27 2011 via Twitter for Android
DCH is on disaster alert. Trees and power lines down along Mallisham Parkway.
6:15 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

One death confirmed by the Mayor Walt Maddox. Several areas took direct hits. East TPD Precinct, Bruno's, Full Moon BBQ, stores along McF.
6:14 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

Tornado is headed towards Alberta and Holt now.
5:22 PM April 27 2011 via txt

We've lost power here in the basement. basement.
5:15 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

Lights out at parham
5:14 PM April 27 2011 via txt

Large fire reported on 15th Street near Central HS.
5:07 PM April 27 2011 via Tweetdeck

Tornado emergency for cities of Tuscaloosa and Northport. Violent tornado on the ground heading for downtown.
http://bit.ly/lvs8se
5:06 PM April 27 2011 via Tweetdeck

Sheriff's deputies are starting to get calls of trees and power lines down up Highway 43 North and around Samantha.
4:45 PM April 27 2011 via web

Tornado on ground 10 miles east of Carrollton ... expected to hit Coker around 4:50 and Samantha around 5 PM
4:37 PM April 27 2011 via web

Reports of tornado spotted — possibly on ground — near Northside Road north of Northport in Tuscaloosa County.
4:34 PM April 27 2011 via web

Northport City Hall has now officially closed.
3:38 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

Tuscaloosa County and Northport governments are remaining open.
3:22 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck
The only Tuscaloosa offices that will remain staffed during the storm are public safety depts. and the water and sewer treatment plants.
3:22 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

Tuscaloosa City Hall has closed.
3:09 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

Shelton State Community College will close at 2:30 PM today. All classes scheduled after 2:30 PM today have been canceled.
2:06 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

Wednesday night activities at Calvary Baptist Church near UA campus are canceled.
2 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

Christ Episcopal Church and First United Methodist Church of Tuscaloosa have closed for the day and cancelled this evening's activities.
1:56 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

The state is closing career centers early today across north Alabama and much of central Alabama in anticipation of the bad weather.
1:09 PM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

Tuscaloosa Public Library has closed due to the threat of severe weather.
12:36 AM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

Alabama softball has been canceled. No make-up date scheduled. More cancellations coming from The Tuscaloosa News, so stay tuned.
12:35 AM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

Morning storms destroy homes in Coaling and Vance.
http://bit.ly/hQuUKf
10:15 AM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

Upload your storm photos to The Tuscaloosa News.
10:08 AM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck

Morning storm causes widespread damage. More severe weather expected this afternoon.
10:03 AM April 27 2011 via TweetDeck