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Report Briefing for Weather Event

Event: Tornadoic Cell Passing Northwest of Gilmer, TX on 4/4/25

To the North Texas Section Emergency Manager:

On Friday evening, I was participating in a benefit concert at Gilmer Civic Center in Gilmer, TX. Being a NWS Skywarn Spotter and very familiar with Upshur Co ARES, I tuned in to their repeater to monitor the storm activity.

As the storm cell moved into our area, I was able to provide real-time information from the Upshur Co ARES Net to the event coordinators at the civic center. They were able to move event participants to safe locations in the building. They eventually decided to cancel the event for the evening due to the heavy rainfall and potential for other tornadoic cells that may pass through the area that evening.

As the last of us were finishing up our evening at the civic center, another tornadoic cell was moving through the area between Gilmer and Longview. This was the route that several of us workers would be taking to get home. Hearing the Upshur Co ARES reporting on and monitoring this storm, I advised all of the event workers to remain in Gilmer until the cell passed though the TX-300 corridor and it was safe to travel.

A special thanks to John Keith W5BWC and his team for everything they do! If you have any questions for me, feel free to reach out.

Have a blessed day!

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