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Tornado caused more than \$360,000 in damage

Jan. 14, 2014 - The tornado that hit Hampton Saturday caused more than \$360,000 in damage, with one city-owned building and three single-family homes taking the biggest hits.

On Saturday January 11 at about 3:50 p.m., the Fox Hill area of Hampton was hit by an EF 0 Tornado. The path was 1.25 miles long and 75 yards wide. The National Weather Service believes the winds from the tornado were between 75-80 mph.

Hampton's Emergency Management Office said three single-family homes – on Fox Wood Lane, Todds Lane and Cabell Lane were damaged at an estimated cost of \$13,280, \$4,462 and \$21,300, respectively.

Hardest hit Saturday was a city-owned building at 100 Grundland Road. Officials estimate structural damage there at 95% and a cost of \$304,665. The damage to a second city-owned building on Windmill Point Road was put at 25% and a cost of \$9,300. And a city-owned radio tower in Grandview lost equipment and had other damage expected to cost \$7,000-\$10,000.

The emergency management office said that while tornados in January are rare, Saturday's damage reminds us that no matter the season we should be prepared for the possibility of a disaster to occur.

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