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TORNADO RECOVERY RESPONSE

Kitsap County, Washington -- Resources are available to families impacted by Tuesday's tornado in Port Orchard, WA.

The tornado that struck Port Orchard, WA on Tuesday, December 18 was determined to be an EF2 with wind speeds between 120-130 miles per hour. While the damage to buildings was substantial, fortunately there were no deaths or serious injuries which resulted from the tornado. As of Friday, December 23, inspections to impacted homes have determined:

- 20 Red Tags (Unsafe)
- 28 Yellow Tags (Significant Damage to Structure)

Resources free of charge have been mobilized to support households impacted by the tornado.

Displaced families seeking immediate assistance, including emergency lodging, are encouraged to contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-295-3717.

Impacted homeowners are also able to receive assistance with damage to their homes and property from Team Rubicon free of charge by calling 360-525-4978 or emailing joseph.crossgraves@Teamrubiconusa.org.

Team Rubicon will continue to register local volunteers ready to support the disaster recovery effort. Christian Life Center at 1780 Lincoln Ave SE, Port Orchard, will serve as the Volunteer Registration Center on Sunday, December 23 from 9 am - 4 pm. Please enter through the office entrance located on the north side of the building.

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