



# CITY OF KENNER

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## National Weather Service Confirms Tornado Touched Down in Rivertown

**Kenner, LA.** – Officials with the National Weather Service have confirmed that the wind damage in Rivertown overnight was the result of a strong EF-1 tornado. Winds were estimated at 110 mph.

At least four buildings were damaged, including Southeast Telecom at 2005 3<sup>rd</sup> St., which sustained significant roof damage. The National Weather Service confirmed the tornado Tuesday morning in a tweet that indicated the storm was 75 to 100 yards wide. More details on the path of the storm are expected later today.

Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni was on the scene early Tuesday to assess the situation. “We are very fortunate that it appears there are no injuries,” he said.

The storm also apparently caused several barges to break loose and enter the Parish Line Canal, according to the East Jefferson Levee District.

According to Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Doug Dodt, Tuesday’s tornado was the second in the past month in the city. A tornado on April 27 – also an EF-1 – caused damage in central and western sections of the city. Two tornadoes also were reported in a spring storm in April 2013 and a tornado touched down in north Kenner in March 2011.

Crews from Kenner’s Public Works, Code Enforcement, Recreation and Fire and Police Departments were all on scene early Tuesday to assess damages and take care of any necessary emergency repairs.

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