

Incredible Destruction In Central Texas: The Jarrell Tornado

On May 27, 1997, an F5 tornado tore through Central Texas, leaving a path of destruction in its wake. The Jarrell Tornado was one of the most powerful and deadly tornadoes in Texas history, killing 27 people and injuring hundreds more.



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The tornado touched down near the town of Jarrell, Texas, at around 4:30 p.m. CDT. It then traveled northeast for about 30 miles, before dissipating near the town of Georgetown. The tornado was on the ground for a total of about 45 minutes.

The Jarrell Tornado was an F5 tornado, which is the highest rating on the Fujita scale. F5 tornadoes are capable of causing catastrophic damage,

and the Jarrell Tornado was no exception. The tornado destroyed homes and businesses, uprooted trees, and overturned vehicles.

The Jarrell Tornado was one of the deadliest tornadoes in Texas history. Twenty-seven people were killed by the tornado, including 11 children. Hundreds more people were injured, many of them seriously.

The Jarrell Tornado was a devastating event, but it also brought out the best in people. In the aftermath of the tornado, volunteers from all over the state came to Jarrell to help with the cleanup and recovery effort. The people of Jarrell showed great resilience in the face of tragedy, and they rebuilt their community stronger than ever before.

The Science of Tornadoes

Tornadoes are violent, rotating columns of air that extend from the base of a thunderstorm cloud to the ground. They are one of the most powerful and destructive forces of nature.

Tornadoes are formed when warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico meets cold, dry air from the north. The warm air rises, and the cold air sinks. This creates a spinning motion that can become a tornado if the conditions are right.

Tornadoes can vary in size from small, weak tornadoes to large, violent tornadoes. The Jarrell Tornado was a large, violent tornado, with winds speeds of up to 300 miles per hour.

Tornado Safety

Tornadoes can be deadly, but there are things you can do to stay safe.

Here are some tornado safety tips:

- Be aware of the weather forecast. If there is a tornado watch or warning in your area, take shelter immediately.
- Go to a sturdy building and go to the lowest level possible. If you are in a mobile home, leave it and go to a nearby building.
- Stay away from windows and doors. If you are in a car, get out and find a sturdy building to shelter in.
- If you are caught outside, lie down in a ditch or other low-lying area and cover your head with your hands.

The Jarrell Tornado Legacy

The Jarrell Tornado was a devastating event, but it also left a legacy of hope and resilience. The people of Jarrell rebuilt their community stronger than ever before, and they continue to work to make their community a better place. The Jarrell Tornado Memorial Park is a reminder of the tragedy that struck Jarrell, but it is also a symbol of the community's strength and resilience.

The Jarrell Tornado is a reminder that tornadoes can strike anywhere, at any time. It is important to be aware of the risks of tornadoes and to take steps to stay safe. By following these tornado safety tips, you can help to protect yourself and your loved ones from harm.

Image Gallery



ENHANCED FUJITA SCALE		DAMAGE
EF-0	(65-85 MPH)	LIGHT
EF-1	(86-110 MPH)	MODERATE
EF-2	(111-135 MPH)	CONSIDERABLE
EF-3	(136-165 MPH)	SEVERE
EF-4	(166-200 MPH)	DEVASTATING
EF-5	(200+ MPH)	INCREDIBLE





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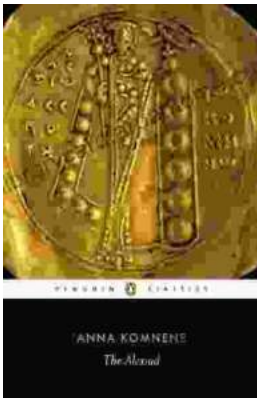
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