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What's New, FSS?

The 1999 Bridge Creek–Moore tornado (locally referred to as the **May 3rd tornado**) was an extraordinarily powerful F5 tornado in which the highest wind speeds ever measured globally were recorded at up to 321 miles per hour. The tornado devastated southern portions of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, along with surrounding suburbs and towns during the early evening of Monday, May 3, 1999. The tornado covered 38 miles during its 85-minute existence, destroying thousands of homes, killing 36 people, and leaving $1 billion in damage.

The tornado first touched down at 6:23 p.m. in Grady County, Oklahoma, roughly two miles southwest of Amber, Oklahoma. It quickly intensified into a violent F4, and gradually reached F5 status after traveling 6.5 miles, at which time it struck the town of Bridge Creek. It fluctuated in strength, ranging from F2 to F5 status before it crossed into Cleveland County where it reached F5 for a third time shortly before entering the city of Moore. By 7:30 p.m., the tornado crossed into Oklahoma County and battered southeastern Oklahoma City, Del City, and Midwest City before dissipating around 7:48 p.m. A total of 8,132 homes, 1,041 apartments, 260 businesses, 11 public buildings, and 7 churches were damaged or destroyed.

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1999_Bridge_Creek%E2%80%93Moore_tornado)

Offsite Backups

With tornado season in full swing, there may be no better time to think about data security. What would you do if your office were to suffer a catastrophic weather event, such as a tornado or flood? Depending on what part of the country you are located in, a weather event that destroys or carries away office equipment including computers and even an office safe is a real possibility. Not to mention the possibility of fire, which can happen anywhere, any time of year.

Do yourself a favor and get started using our secure offsite backup service. It's effortless and affordable. Imagine the piece of mind that comes with knowing whatever may happen to your office, all your borrower data is stored safely offsite, ready to be loaded onto a new computer as soon as you are. Don't take chances. This is the most popular, and potentially most important service we offer our customers. Call us now and start breathing easier knowing your data is being kept safe offsite.

Severe Weather Hours

As the possibility of potentially dangerous weather increases, we want to take this opportunity to let everyone know that it is our normal operating procedure to remain fully staffed, and maintain routine business hours, even under threat of a severe weather event. The network room in which we house our servers and your backups, doubles as a tornado shelter due to 18-inch concrete walls and ceiling.

Of course, we cannot guarantee telephone support and electronic services will be available during, or immediately following, a severe weather event. However, we are not completely at the mercy of the elements. Backup generators are on hand in the event of a power loss, and our phone system relies on mostly buried cable for operation, which makes it less susceptible to wind events.

Tornado Alley can be a tough place to run a business in the late spring and early summer, but we don't close down for threatening weather. If we are impacted by a severe weather event, we will be doing everything in our power to return to normal operations so that we can be here for you when you need us!

You Need an Uninterruptable Power Supply

And speaking of severe weather, now is the time to ensure your server is protected by an Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS). Spring thunder storms bring rain, high winds, lightning, and…power interruptions. Your company's data resides on your server, and you need to make sure it's protected.

A quality UPS is an invaluable safeguard against damaging power events, such as blackouts, brownouts, as well as power spikes and surges. Unprotected computers have no defense against damaging power interruptions. It is almost guaranteed you will suffer serious data loss if the power goes out unexpectedly. Power spikes and surges will damage computer components, which can also result in data loss.

An Uninterrupted Power Supply will detect changes in electric current and compensate instantly. The UPS is designed to stabilize power during spikes and surges so your computer isn't harmed in the event of power event. The UPS will also provide uninterrupted power during a blackout or brownout, giving you time to finish what you are doing and shut down the computer properly.

While no UPS can guarantee you will *never* suffer computer damage or data loss in every event (think direct hit by lightning), you *can* count on them to do what they were designed for, and save your data and your hardware from the compromising effects of power interruptions.

We sell a very dependable and affordable UPS, but even if you don't buy one from us, make sure you have one! If you're not sure if you have one, call us and we can help you figure it out. Hope is not a plan. Don't go into springtime without a battery backup.