

Tornado Hits Dam

The National Weather Service has confirmed that a tornado did hit Chickamauga Dam on October 28th. Several eyewitness accounts say the tornado caused damage and cars to wreck on the Highway 153 Bridge over the Chickamauga Dam. The tornado caused a seven-car pile up that shut down the bridge for about three hours and sent five people, including one child to the hospital. After hitting the dam, the tornado bounced across the Tennessee River and onto the northern bank; shortly thereafter it dissipated. TVA Chief Operating Officer Bill McCollum, Jr. stated that the Chickamauga Dam was not damaged by the tornado; although road signs and guard rails on the bridge above the dam and along Lake Resort Drive were blown down.