

Kentucky Wing members help survey tornado damage

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KENTUCKY – Blue Grass Senior Squadron members helped survey the damage caused by a tornado in south central Kentucky.

Capt. Russ Hensley

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The aircrew took several images from about 1,000 feet above the ground, putting in nearly 50 hours in support of the Kentucky Emergency Management Emergency Operations Center in Frankfort, Ky. These images were supplied by Kentucky EM to the National Weather Service to support their damage assessment teams in the field in affected counties. The images were taken in real-time utilizing a Satellite Digital Imaging System funded by the Air Force in CAP aircraft based in Lexington, Ky. The images were transmitted directly to Emergency Management Officials for use in their damage assessment process.

Blue Grass squadron members flying the mission were Capt. Lowell Wiley, and 1st Lts. John Turbek and Tim Tillotson.