

Cape Coral Tornado

June 13, 2008

At approximately 4:45 PM on Friday, June 13, a brief tornado caused minor to moderate damage to 18 homes near Pelican Boulevard in Cape Coral. Moderate damage to roofs was found from the 400 blocks of SW 38th St to SW 37th Lane. The brief tornado occurred on the leading edge of a thunderstorm gust front. Heavy rain associated with the main storm caused widespread flooding of streets and low lying areas.

Debbie Kray of Cape Coral witnessed the tornado and had this to say in an Email to the National Weather Service, "I was driving in the area with my daughters, and got caught in the activity. Cloud to ground lightning was crashing all around us, funnel clouds were swirling on both side of the road. I decided to try to get cover at the local fire station just a couple of blocks down the road. But as we were heading south on Pelican Blvd a very tall, slender, well formed tornado was in my lane, coming right at us. I quickly made a U-turn, went back to my daughter's preschool, and ran for cover. The teachers had all the kids in the interior hall, as they could see the tornado as well."

Below is the summary of the tornado.

Date: June 13, 2008

Location: Cape Coral, FL (26.5801 N, 81.9827 W to 26.5843 N, 81.9830 W)

Tornado Strength: EF-0 (80 MPH)

Time: 4:45 PM to 4:48 PM EDT (time estimated)

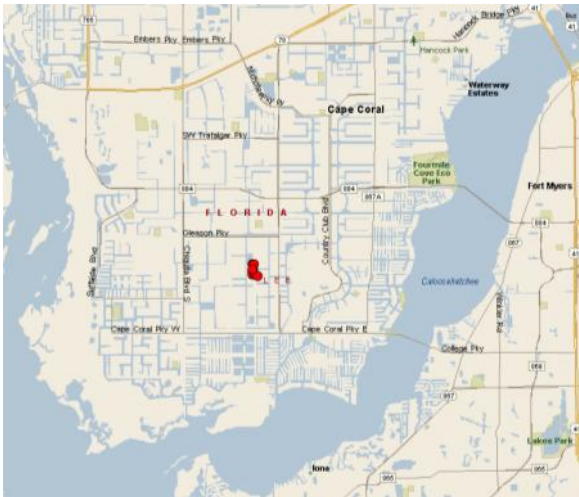
Track: 0.30 Miles (1,600 feet)

Max Width: 70 yards

Fatalities: None reported

Injuries: None reported

Damage: 18 homes, 4 with moderate damage. Rough estimate \$110 thousand (includes water damage from rain entering structures).



Plot of tornado damage indicated by red dots on a map created by *Microsoft Streets and Trips*™



Roof sheathing from a nearby home was thrown into this pool cage. Photo relayed to NWS by Morgan Palmer, WBBH-TV, Fort Myers