

Three die in FS after being struck by lightning [South Africa]

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Bloemfontein - A 12-year-old boy and two men were killed by lightning in three separate incidents in various parts of the Free State during yesterday's rain and thunderstorms.

According to Emergency Medical Services spokesperson, Sipho Towa, at around 14:00 the EMS crew received an alert of the first incident, where two students from Phaphano School in Botshabelo were struck by lightning, with one of them suffering fatal injuries. Towa says the young man was declared dead upon EMS's arrival, however, his friend lived and was rushed to hospital.

In a separate incident, about thirty minutes later, the crew were informed of another incident where a 12-year-old scholar was struck by lightning in Bloemfontein East School in Khayelitsha. The minor was declared dead on the scene.

In a third incident, a 35-year-old man was struck and instantly killed by lightning in Nyakallong, near Allanridge.