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Ohio Team Deployed To Help with Hurricane Sandy Relief Suffolk County, NY

Columbus, OH - Emergency response personnel and equipment are being deployed today to Long Island in Suffolk County, New York to assist local emergency personnel in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

The Ohio All Hazard State Incident Management Team (IMT) is a group of trained individuals who work together to augment or assist local emergency personnel during ongoing, large and/or complex incidents or events such as a hurricane. The IMT is deployed as part of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), which is a mutual aid agreement between states and territories of the United States and enables them to share resources during natural and man-made disasters.

Ohio EMA is coordinating EMAC requests from all other states as the authorized representative for the State of Ohio. That coordination is with all state and local emergency response partners.

The IMT's mission will be to assist in restoring communities and daily lives to normal. Team members will perform a variety of duties, primarily providing relief to incident commanders and managers already in the field.

An advance team of two team leaders will depart Ohio today, October 30 for New York. An additional 10 team members will deploy tomorrow, Wednesday, October 31. The deployment also will include a Division of State Fire Marshal IMT trailer that includes large scale incident supplies and office equipment needed for the deployment.

Deploying with the IMT are: Buck Adams (Medina County EMA); Lynne Bratka (Ohio Department of Health); George Brown (Boardman Township); David Calderone (Coventry Township, Summit County); Kelly Corbin (Coventry Township, Summit County); Jeff Funai (City of Green, Summit County); Dick Kotaphish (Lake County); Jeff Kruithoff (City of Springboro); Dick Miller (Ohio DAS, MARCS); Doug Smith (Summit County Sheriff's Office); and Russ Whitman (City of Franklin Police Department). The IMT deployment will last through November 13.

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