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Ohio National Guard deploys for Hurricane Florence recovery efforts

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Gov. John R. Kasich has signed an agreement this morning to send Ohio Army National Guard equipment and personnel to aid in the Hurricane Florence recovery efforts. A convoy is scheduled to leave at noon today, Sept. 18, 2018, from the Army Enclave located at the Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Columbus.

Twelve Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 137th Aviation Regiment, based in Columbus, will be traveling with four Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck (HEMTT) tankers with approximately 9,000 gallons of aviation fuel, one High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, also known as a Humvee, and one Light Medium Tactical Vehicle (LMTV) to the Raleigh, North Carolina area.

While in North Carolina, the Soldiers will provide refueling support for military helicopters being used in hurricane recovery efforts.

They will be deployed on state active duty as part of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) signed by Kasich, 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.

The Ohio National Guard has more than 16,000 personnel and is the nation's fourth-largest National Guard. The Ohio National Guard responds with ready units and personnel when called for federal, state and community missions, and is an operational reserve of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force.

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NEWSROOM NOTE: Media interested in covering the deployment MUST RSVP to Stephanie Beougher at 614-506-3490 or stephanie.k.beougher.nfg@mail.mil for coordination to gain access to the base. Please plan to arrive promptly at 11:30 a.m. with a government-issued photo ID and media credentials. Late arrivals cannot be accommodated.

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