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UPDATE

Ohio National Guard support to Louisiana in response to hurricane Gustav

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio National Guard has deployed about 1100 Soldiers and airmen to assist in the Hurricane Gustav recovery efforts. Two of the largest units deployed are the 216th Eng. Battalion and the 112th Transportation Battalion. These units began their missions today assisting the state of Louisiana.

The engineer units are deployed to the Baton Rouge area and the transportation units are operating throughout southeastern Louisiana. Their missions include clearing debris and opening transportation lanes, moving people and supplies and maintaining military equipment.

Major General Greg Wayt, the adjutant general of Ohio, said, "The situation on the ground in Louisiana is serious, but the National Guard is a critical component of a serious response. The Soldiers and airmen of the Ohio National Guard are well trained and well led [and stand ready to heed the call should any other contingency arise](#). The majority of the Ohio National Guard is still available should they be needed."

As for how long the Ohio Guardsmen will be away from home, Wayt said, "We don't expect that this mission will extend longer than two or three weeks for any of the Ohio soldiers and airmen currently deployed."

The deploying units include:

- 16th Eng. Brigade HQ, Columbus
- 216th Eng. Battalion HQ, Woodlawn/Cincinnati
- 811th Eng. Company, Tarlton
- 1191st Eng. Company, Portsmouth
- 1192nd Eng. Company, Newton Falls
- 837th Eng. Company, Lorain
- 945th Eng. Company, Norwalk
- 112th Transportation Company HQ, Green (Akron-Canton)
- 1483rd Transportation Company, Walbridge
- 1484th Transportation Company, Green (Akron-Canton)

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- 1485th Transportation Company, Coshocton
- 1486th Transportation Company, Ashland/Mansfield
- 211th Maintenance Company, Newark

The assistance is being provided under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), a national mutual aid and partnership agreement that allows state-to-state assistance during states of emergencies declared by the Governor or President. The agreement provides a responsive and straightforward system to for the National Guard in unaffected states to send personnel and equipment to help disaster relief efforts in affected states.

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NOTE: In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the Ohio National Guard provided nearly 1,500 Soldiers and Airmen for response and recovery efforts in Louisiana and Mississippi, followed less than a month later by the deployment of another 1,200 Soldiers and Airmen to Louisiana in response to Hurricane Rita. Information about those deployments can be found at www.ohionationalguard.com/pao/buckeyeguard/response.pdf .

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