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Kentucky gets helping hand from Ohio National Guard: 50 HMMWVs to support winter storm recovery in the Bluegrass State

COLUMBUS – As it continues to deal with the aftermath of severe winter storms that brought smothering ice and snow across the State, Kentucky has requested 50 HMMWVs from the Ohio National Guard to assist Kentucky National Guard members in providing security and presence patrols, distributing food and water and providing other assistance to the state's civilian authority.

Ohio National Guard Soldiers will not be deploying to Kentucky with the equipment; approximately 100 Soldiers of the Kentucky National Guard will be arriving by C-130 to the Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, where they will spend the night before driving the vehicles to Kentucky.

Ohio Soldiers worked Saturday and Sunday to position the vehicles at the Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, to complete operational and safety inspections on the vehicles, to top off the fuel in preparation for departure, and to receive the Soldiers from Kentucky. The HMMWVs were brought to Rickenbacker from Lebanon, Hamilton and McConnelsville.

The vehicles are being provided under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), a national mutual aid and partnership agreement that allows state-to-state assistance during emergencies. 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 states impacted by natural or human made disasters.

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