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Ohio National Guard sends medical equipment to Puerto Rico

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio National Guard has sent much-needed medical equipment to Puerto Rico to help with hurricane recovery efforts.

The equipment, including generators, emergency medical equipment, ventilators, and X-ray machines, left Oct. 9 from Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base on board two C-130 Hercules aircraft. The equipment is part of the Ohio National Guard's support to Puerto Rico that includes more than 40 Soldiers from the 285th Medical Company (Area Support), based out of Columbus.

The 285th deployed Oct. 5, establishing initial communications with other units and organizations already working in Puerto Rico, as well as conducting site surveys and operational assessments necessary for a base camp.

"The last several days, we have been making connections and laying down the foundation needed for the mission to be accomplished," said Maj. Bryanna Singleton, 285th ASMC commander. "With our medical equipment now arriving, we are fully capable and functional to start our mission toward helping the people of Puerto Rico."

The unit will provide trauma health care, preventative medicine consultation, optometry support, mental health consultation and evacuation of patients in Puerto Rico.

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For current information and stories on the Ohio National Guard support to hurricane relief efforts:

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