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Ohio National Guard helicopters and crews to leave for Hurricane Irma response effort

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Two Ohio National Guard helicopters and their crews will be leaving today to stage for potential support to the Hurricane Irma response in Florida.

The 14 crew members and two CH-47 Chinook helicopters from Company B, 3rd Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment are scheduled to depart at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11 from the Ohio Army National Guard Army Aviation Support Facility #1, located at 5990 W. Airport Drive, North Canton, Ohio 44720-1483.

The crews recently returned from providing support to Texas after Hurricane Harvey, including refueling rescue helicopters and delivering food to stranded livestock. The Chinook is a twin-engine, tandem-rotor, heavy-lift helicopter that can be used to transport personnel, equipment and supplies.

The Ohio Soldiers and helicopters will be staging in South Carolina in preparation to support the response effort in Florida.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Media interested in covering the event are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes in advance of the departure time. Please bring a photo ID to gain entry onto the facility.

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