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## Communications team is latest Ohio National Guard unit to deploy to Puerto Rico

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio National Guard will send about 40 Soldiers to Puerto Rico beginning at approximately 2:30 p.m. today, Oct. 11, from Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Columbus.

The Ohio Army National Guard Soldiers from the [137th Signal Company](#), based in Newark, Ohio, will provide communications support to hurricane relief efforts. The signal company can deliver communications capabilities with mobile satellite, electricity, telephone, internet and video conferencing, and information technology services.

There are currently more than 200 Ohio National Guard Soldiers and Airmen supporting hurricane relief efforts in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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 should arrive no later than one hour before the scheduled departure time, and must contact Stephanie Beougher at 614-506-3490 or [stephanie.k.beougher.nfg@mail.mil](mailto:stephanie.k.beougher.nfg@mail.mil) for coordination to gain access to the base (government-issued photo ID and media credentials required). Please RSVP no later than noon today.

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

<http://ong.ohio.gov/stories/2017/AID/20170830-AID.html>

The Buckeye Guard digital magazine and newscast: <http://ong.ohio.gov/BuckeyeGuard.html>  
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