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Ohio National Guard to send helicopter and crew to Florida to help Hurricane Michael response effort

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An Ohio Army National Guard helicopter and crew will be leaving today to provide support to the Hurricane Michael response in Florida.

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

The crew will be prepared to support hurricane relief efforts including aerial resupply, search and rescue, and personnel and equipment transportation.

They will be deployed on state active duty as part of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), which is a mutual aid agreement between states and territories of the United States and enables them to share resources during natural and man-made disasters.

Company B, 3rd Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment deployed twice last year to support relief efforts after Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Hurricane Irma in Florida. More than 400 Ohio National Guard Airmen and Soldiers deployed during the 2017 hurricane season and provided assistance and equipment in the form of communications, medical aid, transportation, shelters, mobile kitchens, water purification and imagery analysis.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Media interested in covering the event are encouraged to arrive at noon for interviews. Please bring a photo ID to gain entry onto the facility.

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