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Military reserve component called to duty in support of tornado cleanup

COLUMBUS, Ohio — At the request of the Montgomery County Emergency Management Agency, Gov. Mike DeWine has signed a state active duty proclamation to activate select personnel from the Ohio Military Reserve to assist with cleanup efforts from the May tornado in southwestern Ohio.

“Great progress has been made to recover from the tornadoes that struck our state this spring. We must continue to use all of the resources at our disposal to aid in the recovery efforts, which is why I have signed the proclamation to activate the Ohio Military Reserve to assist in Montgomery County,” said Gov. DeWine.

The Ohio Military Reserve (OHMR) will provide two to three personnel for up to 18 weeks to oversee logistics as contractors remove debris in the area.

“This is a perfect mission for the Ohio Military Reserve, as they train every month on logistical support to be ready at a moment’s notice when their fellow Ohioans need help,” said Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general.

The OHMR is a component of the Ohio organized militia, along with the Ohio National Guard and the Ohio Naval Militia, and serves under the adjutant general as commander of the organized militia and the governor as commander in chief. It is based in Columbus and has 220 members who may be called by the governor to aid civil authorities through providing medical and logistical support, as well as volunteer reception and management. OHMR personnel are not compensated for their training time, drills, or travel expenses. While on state active duty, they are compensated at the same rate as members of the U.S. Armed Forces, based upon their grade (rank) and years of service.

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