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NEWS RELEASE

TEAM FROM NH DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPLOYS TO FLORIDA

CONCORD, N.H. – A group of five employees from the New Hampshire Department of Safety’s Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) deployed to Florida on Wednesday, October 9, to help with response and recovery efforts to Hurricane Milton.

“These emergency management professionals from New Hampshire will provide much-needed relief and support to the teams in Florida already working around the clock,” said Governor Chris Sununu. “In addition to these individuals and members of the New Hampshire National Guard who have deployed, we stand prepared to provide whatever assistance possible to the communities impacted by Hurricane Milton. We will continue to monitor the situation and remain in contact with our partners. Our prayers are with Florida.”

The deployment is part of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). EMAC is a national contract that provides disaster relief when a governor declares a state of emergency. Florida’s Division of Emergency Management made the request to other states’ emergency management agencies for an emergency operations center support team on October 5. The requests for assistance can include equipment, personnel or goods.

“The dedication of our public safety professionals has no bounds,” said New Hampshire Department of Safety Commissioner Robert L. Quinn. “This deployment reaffirms our commitment to solidarity and service. I wish our team safety throughout their travels and am grateful for their willingness to serve those who need our help.”

The employees will spend two weeks assisting in emergency operations centers.

“Our agency is committed to helping others during a time of crisis,” said HSEM Director Robert Buxton. “We are grateful to be able to help our partners and friends in Florida and bring back any lessons learned to New Hampshire to better our response here.”

A team from the New Hampshire National Guard deployed earlier this week. Anyone with questions for that team should contact Lt. Col. Gregory Heilshorn at gregory.d.heilshorn.mil@army.mil.

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Figure 1 Members of Homeland Security and Emergency Management pick up cots from Department of Health and Human Services



Figure 2 Members of Homeland Security and Emergency Management picking up radios from the Department of Safety's Radio & Automotive Facility



Figure 3 One of the vehicles heading to Florida packed with supplies.