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EMS Personnel and Medic Units Respond to Garrett County To Assist with Recovery from Recent Snowstorm

The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) is assisting in the coordination of a response to a request from Garrett County Emergency Management. Emergency medical services (EMS) personnel and ambulances were requested to assist in recovering from the devastating effects of the recent snowstorm. The response group coordinated by MIEMSS, the State agency responsible for coordinating Maryland's EMS system, has been inserted into Task Forces consisting of local and State law enforcement and emergency responder personnel. Charles County Emergency Services, Washington County Department of Emergency Services, Harford County Emergency Services, and commercial ambulance companies LifeStar Response, Butler Medical Transport, and Transcare Maryland, have supplied EMS providers and ambulances to fulfill this request. A group of 39 EMS providers, with a fleet of 16 ambulances and one supervisor vehicle, has responded to the recovery efforts.

The group has been staged in Oakland, Maryland. They are assigned to various emergency response tasks such as assisting search and rescue missions, patient evacuations, wellness checks on citizens, and assisting with 9-1-1 emergency responses.

"Our entire State is with Western Maryland and the residents of Garrett County," said Governor O'Malley. "That's why we are putting all of our resources to work to help residents still struggling to recover from this storm. Thanks to our courageous first responders, we are able to provide emergency services to those who need it most and help the families affected get their lives back on track."

The response was coordinated jointly by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) along with other state and local agencies. MEMA continues to monitor the recovery efforts resulting from this recent snowstorm in Western Maryland, and Hurricane Sandy in other parts of the State, with officials from various federal agencies, other states, and local jurisdictions in Maryland.