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Maryland Sends Two Ambulance Strike Teams to Assist in New Jersey in Recovery from Hurricane Sandy

The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) is coordinating a request from New Jersey for Ambulance Strike Teams to assist in recovering from the devastating effects of Hurricane Sandy. MIEMSS is the State agency responsible for coordinating Maryland's emergency medical services (EMS) system. An Ambulance Strike Team consists of five ambulances and a supervisor. Two Ambulance Strike Teams, with an overall Task Force coordinator, will be staffed, equipped, and supplied through a coordinated effort by MIEMSS. The Baltimore City Fire Department, Washington County Department of Emergency Services, Talbot County Emergency Services, and LifeStar Response, a commercial ambulance company will be supplying the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers and ambulances to fulfill this request.

The Ambulance Strike Teams will be leaving from the **Singerly Fire Department, 300 Newark Avenue, Elkton, Maryland in Cecil County at 5:45 am.** The units are scheduled to arrive at the staging area at the Atlantic County Training Center located in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, by 9:00 am. Once they arrive, they will be assigned to various emergency response tasks such as patient evacuations, repatriations, and assisting with 9-1-1 emergency responses. They are currently scheduled to be deployed for a week but the mission could be extended if required.

"Thanks to our courageous first responders in Maryland, we are sending emergency medical personnel and vehicles to support the recovery efforts in New Jersey in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy," said Governor O'Malley. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families there and in all of the states affected by this storm as we rebuild together and help our neighboring states along the way."

The response was coordinated jointly by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) in coordination with other state and local agencies. MEMA continues to monitor the situation with Hurricane Sandy with officials from various federal agencies, other states, and local jurisdictions in Maryland.

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