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THE NATION RESPONDS TO HURRICANE FLORENCE

Lexington, KY – As Hurricane Florence continues to ravage the East Coast, emergency managers, first responders, medical personnel and National Guard units from across the nation are providing additional support for the response. Through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), twenty-five states have sent nearly 1200 emergency response experts to North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia to augment their efforts.

The EMAC response to Hurricane Florence is being coordinated very closely with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to ensure a seamless national response. Experienced EMAC liaisons are co-located in the FEMA National Response Coordination Center in Washington, DC as well as in two FEMA regional offices. This coordinated effort demonstrates the importance of the federal/state/local partnership with strong leadership at all levels. NEMA would like to acknowledge FEMA's support of EMAC and specifically Administrator Brock Long who is an effective advocate for building capacity at the state and local level that can be leveraged for national disaster response. NEMA is proud to be a partner with FEMA, and other key response entities, as we collectively harness the resources of the nation to help those affected by Hurricane Florence.

About EMAC

Established in 1996, EMAC was ratified by Congress and signed into law (Public Law 104-321). It is the first national disaster-relief compact to be ratified by Congress since the Civil Defense Compact of 1950. All members must pass state legislation approving their participation in EMAC. The compact is administered by the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA).

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