

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Arkansas National Guard flood response recap

~ Recap of forces, equipment mobilized to support Arkansas' flood response

WHO: The Arkansas National Guard

WHAT: Has provided the following support to requesting county officials via the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management or as directed by the Governor of the State of Arkansas.

June 1, 4 personnel to provide helicopter maintenance and helicopter fueling/refueling operations to support ongoing helicopter missions in response to Arkansas River flooding.

June 1, 15 personnel and 3 vehicles to provide one multi-functional team to provide flood support to local authorities within counties along the Arkansas River. Priority No. 1 for the team is high-water evacuation of civilians from flooded areas along the Arkansas River. Priority No. 2 are other taskings assigned by the County Judge for short periods of time that do not prevent execution of high-water evacuation of civilians to include unarmed security patrols, levee patrols, transportation and sandbag operations.

June 1, 3 liaison officers to support the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management Regional Coordinators in order to assist civil authorities by providing military expertise of how the Arkansas National Guard can best be utilized to reduce the impacts of the flood and safeguard human and physical resources.

May 31, 10 personnel and 2 UH-60L Black Hawk helicopters to sling-load approximately 300, 4,000-pound sandbags at the Atkins levee.

May 31, 68 personnel to assist Faulkner County Sheriff's Office with traffic control at 11 traffic control points around the clock.

May 31, 4 personnel and 1 UH-60L Black Hawk to insert 2 and extract 2 people at the Ellis Hydro Plant in Sebastian County to restart a diesel generator to support de-watering efforts.

May 31, 5 personnel and 1 UH-60L Black Hawk helicopter to sling-load 15, 4,000-pound sandbags at Scott, Ark., in Pulaski County.

May 29, One, 9-person state active duty security team for traffic control on Chaffee Maneuver Training Center after the Arkansas National Guard opened Fort Smith Boulevard to the public to assist Lavaca and Greenwood residents affected by flooding on Highways 255 and 22.

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May 28, 2 personnel on state active duty to operate a sandbagging machine in Franklin County.

May 28, 10 personnel and 2 UH-60L Black Hawk helicopters to provide aviation support in order to hoist 3,000-pound sandbags in Crawford County.

May 28, 10 personnel and 2 UH-60L Black Hawk helicopters to provide aviation support in order to assist with sling load operations moving up to 50 4,000-pound sandbags to close off a failed valve on a 36-inch culvert to prevent flooding on Highway 9 in Conway County.

May 28, 45 personnel to staff the Joint Operations Center on state active duty and Title 32 statuses to conduct staffing in support of Arkansas National Guard's response in support of civil authorities responding to flooding across the state along the Arkansas River, Mississippi River, and all tributaries in Arkansas.

May 27, Six, 2-person teams on state active duty at three separate locations to operate and maintain proper accountability of the team's assigned sandbagging machine or skid steer with attachments to support local counties sandbagging operations.

May 27, 5 personnel and 2 Palletized Loading System trucks on state active duty to transport sandbagging equipment from Festus, Mo., to Robinson Maneuver Training Center in North Little Rock, Ark.

May 27, 1 personnel on state active duty to perform liaison duties at the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management in Pulaski County.

May 27, 2-personnel on state active duty and 1 truck and trailer to move sandbag equipment from Lavinia, Tenn., to Arkansas.

May 26, 3-personnel aircrew with Title 32 full-time Guardsmen and one UH-72 Lakota helicopter to rescue Army Corps of Engineer personnel trapped Lock and Dam 13 on the Arkansas River near Fort Smith, Ark.

May 25, One, 13-person state active duty high water support team in order to provide flood support from Sebastian County through Franklin Country along the Arkansas River.

May 25, One, 13-person state active duty high water support team in order to provide flood support from Johnson County to Jefferson County along the Arkansas River.

May 24, One, 3-person state active duty team from 188th Wing and equipment, as needed, to provide personnel for Incident Awareness and Assessment operations for flood response along the Arkansas River, Mississippi River, and all tributaries in Arkansas.

WHEN: Daily, around Noon.

WHERE: Multiple points around the state.

WHY: To assist in limiting flood damage to Arkansans, as requested by county emergency management officials, the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management or as directed by the Governor of the State of Arkansas.