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## MEDIA ALERT

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### **3 Arkansas Nat'l Guard High Water Teams called to state active duty** *~ Teams stationed at Hope & Texarkana to support Ark. State Police*

**WHO:** Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson

**WHAT:** Has ordered three High Water Teams to state active duty to support Arkansas State Police Troops F, G and K with local emergency response operations in anticipation of flooding in southwest Arkansas.

**WHEN:** Beginning at Noon, Thursday, Aug. 27

**WHERE:** One team each is staged at the Texarkana armory, and two teams are at the Hope armory.

**WHY:** Some flooding is anticipated to occur in southwest Arkansas due to rainfall from the remnants of Hurricane Laura. Thirty-six Soldiers – 12 at each armory – from the Arkansas National Guard's 39<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team will staff three Light Medium Tactical Vehicle (LMTV) and one High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) at each armory.

An LMTV is a 2.5-ton cargo truck that offers high ground clearance, allowing them to operate safely in up to four feet of water. Each LMTV can carry up to 15 people, which includes a 3-person operating crew.

The Arkansas National Guard assumes support roles to augment civil authorities, where needed and directed by the Governor, to help in a crisis.