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Tennessee Sends Resources to Louisiana for Hurricane Sally Relief

Nashville, Tenn. – The State of Tennessee deployed urban search and rescue resources to Louisiana today to support emergency officials readying for life-safety impacts from Hurricane Sally.

"This is what Tennesseans do. In times of disaster or crisis, we volunteer to help those in need," Tennessee Governor Bill Lee said. "We are proud to serve our neighboring states and provide support during this challenging time."

The team include a total of 35 members representing departments from the following Tennessee agencies and counties:

- Metro Nashville Office of Emergency Management
- Murfreesboro Fire Department
- Franklin Fire Department
- Nashville Fire Department
- Brentwood Fire Department
- Williamson County Emergency Management Agency
- Metro Nashville Public Works
- Metro Nashville Police Department

"We are proud of these dedicated, professional Tennesseans who have answered the call to help our neighbors in Louisiana as they face the potential for catastrophic damages from Hurricane Sally," TEMA Director Patrick Sheehan said. "We know all too well the damage and destruction from floods and other natural disasters, and just as other states supported us in trying times, I know all Tennesseans want to do whatever we can to help Louisiana in this time of need."

The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) is coordinating Tennessee's Hurricane Sally deployments through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). The task force will deploy for 14 days.

Hurricane Sally is currently located approximately 175 miles southeast of Biloxi, Mississippi with maximum sustained winds of 85 mph. Hurricane Sally is expected to continue



strengthening as it approaches the Gulf Coast. Storm surge and heavy rainfall are expected to pose a significant threat.

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