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## **TEMA Continues Kansas Flooding Deployments**

**Nashville, Tenn.** – The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) deployed three additional emergency personnel to Kansas today to support the state's flood response.

Today's deployment includes emergency management personnel from TEMA, Carter County, and Stewart County, and the 18-day mission will focus on coordinating operations between the Kansas Emergency Operations Center in Topeka, Kan. and its county-level emergency operation center counterparts.

On Monday, TEMA sent two staff members to Topeka on a 10-day deployment to coordinate flood response operations between state and local emergency agencies. Also, the Tennessee National Guard has provided the Arkansas National Guard with sandbagging equipment for flood control missions.

The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) is coordinating the deployments through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), the nation's state-to-state mutual aid system.

Kansas' flooding disaster now covers 56 of the state's 105 counties. On Wednesday, nine tornadoes touched down causing damage in several Kansas cities, including Lawrence and Russell, further adding to the state's historic month of severe weather.

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