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## **TEMA Sends Firefighter Relief Teams to North Carolina**

**Nashville, Tenn.** – The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) is sending three teams of firefighters to Raleigh, N.C. today to augment and relieve fire and rescue personnel deployed earlier this week to work life-safety missions in the Carolinas for Hurricane Florence.

The firefighting teams include 37 personnel representing fire departments from the following Tennessee cities and counties:

- City of Athens
- City of Goodlettsville
- City of LaVergne
- City of Lewisburg
- City of Martin
- Jefferson City
- Hardin County
- McMinn County
- Madison County
- Williamson County

“We are grateful for these firefighting professionals and for their families who allow them to volunteer and leverage their experience to help our neighbors,” TEMA Director Patrick Sheehan said

The firefighting teams will deploy for five days in their relief mission.

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

This is the fifth day for the State of Tennessee to send emergency teams to the Carolinas. Previous deployments have included ambulance strike teams, communications personnel, emergency managers, emergency support coordinators, nurse strike teams, and swift-water rescue personnel.

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Hurricane Florence made landfall early this morning near Wilmington, N.C., and is currently a Category 1 storm with 80 mph winds.

TEMA's 24-hour Watch Point is monitoring Hurricane Florence's path and forecast for any potential Tennessee Impact.

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