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New Group of Howard County First Responders Supply Aid in Louisiana in Place of Returning EMS Providers from County

Ellicott City, MD – Different staff members from Howard County Fire and Rescue are on duty supplying aid in Louisiana, taking the place of EMS providers from the county who have just returned from that area. The same Howard County Fire and Rescue equipment remains in place.

Captain Raymond Petry, Captain Thomas Norman, Lieutenant Kevin Frizzell, Heavy Vehicle Operator Jen Shilling, and Heavy Vehicle Operator Andy Hoffman from Howard County Fire and Rescue are now in place in Alexandria, Louisiana. They are on duty in the same place as the returning crew from Howard County, who consisted of Battalion Chief Chuck King, Captain Mike Sharpe, Master Firefighter George Krug, and Master Firefighter and Heavy Vehicle Operator Will Huber. That initial group of first responders has now arrived home safely.

“I’m proud of the staff that we have helping out in Louisiana area following the recent hurricane activity there”, said Howard County Fire Chief Joseph Herr. “Our personnel have worked and continue to work diligently in that area to provide necessary assistance and relief while maintaining a high level of professionalism.”

Howard County Fire and Rescue personnel has been sent to Louisiana in response to a request for help from the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), via a state-to-state Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). The new group may remain in place for up to 14 days.

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