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### **STATES PREPARED TO RESPOND TO HURRICANE DORIAN WITH THE HELP OF EMAC**

As Hurricane Dorian continues its slow slog toward the East Coast, the states projected in its path are currently receiving equipment, trained personnel and other resources from across the nation through the [Emergency Management Assistance Compact \(EMAC\)](#). EMAC is the nation's legal mechanism for governors to share resources across state lines during state-declared disasters.

To date, there are 34 EMAC missions underway by 18 states utilizing over 660 emergency management and response personnel. From California to Vermont, states are stepping forward to assist in whatever way needed. In addition to the current 34 missions, many more offers of assistance have been made and hundreds of emergency response personnel are mobilizing to deploy through the Compact at the request of impacted states. EMAC provides responders with critical legal protections including tort liability, licensure, workers compensation and reimbursement.

Resources already requested through EMAC include search and rescue teams with high water vehicles, medical strike teams, ambulances, incident management teams, shelter support and mental health professionals, National Guard aviation support, logistics, fuel support, and more. The states of Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia are constantly monitoring the forecast and will make additional resource decisions as Hurricane Dorian draws closer. State personnel have also deployed as EMAC liaisons to the National Response Coordination Center of the [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#) as well as their Region IV Regional Response Coordination Center. These liaisons provide situational awareness to FEMA so that interstate mutual aid assistance can be coordinated with the federal response.

EMAC was ratified by Congress in 1996 and is codified into law by all 50 states, District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Guam. The Compact is administered by the [National Emergency Management Association \(NEMA\)](#) representing state emergency management directors.

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