

New Jersey National Guard Dispatched to Assist Residents in Aftermath of Storm

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Trenton, NJ – The New Jersey National Guard has helped more than 1,500 displaced residents around the state in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

The New Jersey National Guard dispatched 10 trucks and soldiers from the Teaneck Armory at the height of Hurricane Sandy's fury when six feet of water overwhelmed Moonachie in Bergen County and the troops reached the town in 28 minutes to begin rescuing residents. Within 12 hours, National Guard Soldiers had helped more than 1,200 residents to safety.

In addition, the New Jersey National Guard rescue operations continue in Moonachie and a swath of New Jersey that covers more than 150 miles and includes Long Beach Island, Ship Bottom, Toms River, Jersey City, Bayonne, Hazlet, Atlantic City, Long Beach Island and Cape May. Four trucks and eight Soldiers were also dispatched to Hoboken at the request of the state Office of Emergency Management to assist in rescue efforts of approximately 2,000 displaced residents.

We will continue a comprehensive aerial reconnaissance of storm damage across the state to include assessments of power lines, transit systems and roads.

Furthermore, we are continuing to assist civil authorities at state-run shelters for displaced residents in Middlesex and Monmouth counties as well as a shelter in the Jersey City armory.

The New Jersey National Guard continues to work closely with the U.S. Department of Defense and the National Guard Bureau to ensure that every military resource required for Hurricane Sandy response is in place.

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