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New Jersey National Guard, Airmen Prepare to Support New Jerseyans During Hurricane Sandy

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Trenton, NJ – The 108th Wing activated today approximately 150 Airmen to conduct defense support to civil authorities in anticipation of Hurricane Sandy's landfall.

"Their individual civilian and military skill sets will greatly enhance the support they provide to law enforcement, municipalities, and residents of our great state," said Col. Kevin J. Keehn, commander of the 108th Wing.

With the governor of New Jersey, Chris Christie, declaring a state of emergency Saturday, the New Jersey National Guard began mobilization of the Soldiers and Airmen to support and assist local authorities with emergency response operations.

"The New Jersey National Guard has prepared an aggressive joint - Army and Air - plan in anticipation of the need for a military first response," said Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, the Adjutant General of New Jersey.

State shelters will be utilized in the event that County shelters reach their capacity. If and when more sheltering becomes necessary, the 108th Wing's Airmen will provide screening and in-processing support at several shelter locations to supplement these efforts.

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