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EDITOR'S NOTE: MEDIA WANTING TO COVER SUNDAY'S DEBRIS REMOVAL EFFORTS SHOULD ARRIVE AT NOON AT TDOT'S MACON COUNTY GARAGE, 503 CHESTNUT ST., IN LAFAYETTE FOR CHECK-IN. MEDIA WILL BE ALLOWED INTO WORK AREAS, HOWEVER, DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS, AN ESCORT WILL BE REQUIRED.

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TASK FORCE: DEBRIS REMOVAL TO BEGIN SUNDAY

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – A multi-agency state task force led by the Tennessee Department of Transportation to help the hardest hit areas with storm debris removal will get underway Sunday, Feb. 10. Operation “Tennessee Storm” will be aimed at debris removal of public right-of-ways in Macon and Sumner counties.

Personnel and equipment are being made available for the operation from multiple state agencies including: Department of Transportation, providing heavy equipment and personnel; Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry, providing heavy equipment and a 25-person chain saw crew; Department of Environment and Conservation, debris disposal sites; Department of Safety, security resources; and Tennessee Army National Guard, 913th Engineer Company of the 230th Engineer Battalion, operations support and equipment. *See full list below.*

Macon and Sumner County’s Emergency Management Agencies will identify priority sites for debris removal and County Highway Departments will support the operation with debris removal teams and equipment. Citizens are encouraged to move debris from private property to public right-of-ways to assist in the recovery effort.

The task force also will partner with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for recovery effort support and to track the debris amount.

Tennessee Storm will set up its headquarters at TDOT’s Macon County Garage, 503 Chestnut St., in Lafayette, and will begin operations at noon.

The recent Presidential disaster declaration for Hardin, Macon, Madison, Shelby and Sumner Counties provides both individual assistance and public assistance, and includes debris removal and emergency protective measures.

For the latest information on storm damage and emergency information, visit TEMA’s Web site at www.tnema.org.

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A complete list of State Resources in support of Tennessee Storm is attached below.



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Tennessee Storm Task Force

State and Local Agencies:

Clay County Highway Department
Macon County Emergency Management Agency
Macon County Highway Department
Tennessee Army National Guard
Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
Tennessee Department of Safety, Tennessee Highway Patrol
Tennessee Department of Transportation (Lead)
Tennessee Emergency Management Agency

Equipment and Resources:

Personnel – 200+
Dump Trucks – 59
Front End Loaders – 10
Backhoes – 5
Gradeall – 1
Chippers – 15
Bobcats – 3
Fuel Trucks – 3
Heavy Equipment Trailers – 14
Cargo Trucks – 5
Humvees – 27
Generators – 2
Water Buffalos – 2
Excavators – 3
Helicopter – 1
Chainsaws/Hand Tools