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Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management deploy to New York

Officials from the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) were deployed today as part of the Region D Incident Support Team (IST) to help with the relief and recovery efforts in New York in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

OEM Director Ryan Nicholls said, “We received word early this morning from the State of Missouri Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) that the State of New York Office of Emergency Management has requested incident management support teams to help local Emergency Operation Centers (EOC) deal with this very catastrophic and wide-reaching disaster.” He went on to say, “We have been asked to mobilize and deploy our support assets for a minimum of 14 days.” According to Nicholls, the 16-member team has been assigned to Nassau County on Long Island.

The Region D Incident Support Team was most recently deployed during the Joplin and Branson, MO., tornadoes. The team provides various discipline specific support including logistics, planning, operations and other functional assets, based on the needs of the local EOC jurisdiction. There are 3 such IST’s in the State of Missouri. The Region D team’s membership comes from the 18 counties in southwest Missouri.

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