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NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPLOYS 10 ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGERS TO PUERTO RICO*Team Will Support EOC Operations in Puerto Rico*

September 27, 2017 — The New York City Emergency Management Department today deployed 10 additional emergency managers to Puerto Rico to support the Puerto Rico Emergency Management Agency (PREMA) in organizing and coordinating response and recovery operations for the Commonwealth following Hurricane Maria.

The New York City Emergency Management personnel are experienced in areas including human services, health and medical, transportation and infrastructure, operations, logistics, planning, and supporting people with disabilities, access and functional needs. During the deployment, the team will support the Commonwealth's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and work to assist in EOC management and to identify additional support needed by PREMA and other local officials. Wednesday morning, the team of 10 emergency managers departed JFK airport on a JetBlue flight to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

"We have a great team of emergency managers in NYC who can use their expertise and disaster management skills to help our fellow Americans in Puerto Rico," said **NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Joseph Esposito**. "Many people in Puerto Rico need assistance, and our team will support Puerto Rico's efforts to help victims of Hurricane Maria."

"We have a very smart and dedicated team of emergency managers in NYC who can use their expertise and disaster management skills to help our fellow Americans in Puerto Rico," said **NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Joseph Esposito**. "We hope we can help make a difference and positively impact those in need."

The NYC Emergency Management team was specifically requested by FEMA and the Governor of Puerto Rico through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), which is the national emergency management mutual aid system that facilitates state-to-state disaster assistance.

The NYC Emergency Management team is the second to deploy to Puerto Rico. A team of 10 emergency managers was deployed on Saturday, September 23 to coordinate logistics and help manage recovery operations within the City of San Juan. Since their deployment, the team has worked with San Juan Mayor Carmen Yulín Cruz to set up a distribution center for food, water, and other needed commodities, to help organize efforts to conduct wellness checks, and to initiate additional forward-leaning logistics planning for needs in the community.

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