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**NYC OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (OEM)
SENDING FIVE EMERGENCY MANAGERS TO CALIFORNIA
TO ASSIST IN WILDFIRE OPERATIONS**

The New York City Office of Emergency Management (OEM) today announced that it is sending five emergency managers to California to assist in wildfire-related operations. The individuals on the OEM team bring experience and expertise in areas the California Office of Emergency Services has directly requested for recovery efforts.

The OEM delegation, led by Deputy Commissioner of Planning and Preparedness Kelly McKinney, includes experts in planning, sheltering, search and rescue operations, logistics, and human services. The team will depart for Sacramento, California, this afternoon. After a brief orientation at the State of California's Emergency Operations Center, the team will be transported to the San Diego area, where they will work alongside California authorities assisting the hundreds of thousands of residents who have been evacuated from their homes.

"After September 11th, New York City received a helping hand from literally every corner of the country," said Commissioner Joseph F. Bruno. "I am extremely gratified to offer our assistance to the people of California during their time of need."

The OEM team will be in California for up to two weeks. If additional resources are required at that time, OEM will evaluate any requests. The cost of the trip will be paid for by the City of New York.

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