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HEALTH UPDATE

EMAC Request From Mississippi For EMS Personnel Has Been Filled

The North Dakota Department of Health has received word that the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) request for EMS personnel to assist the coroner's office in Harrison County, Mississippi, has been filled. It is unlikely that volunteers from North Dakota will be deployed.

The North Dakota Department of Health will continue to compile a list of people interested in volunteering for any future requests. Professionals who would like to be considered for a response team are asked to register through the state's Public Health Emergency Volunteer Reserve (PHEVR). Registration can be completed online at www.ndhan.gov using the "Hurricane Katrina" link.

Deployment of volunteers from North Dakota will be made through North Dakota Department of Emergency Services using the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). Through EMAC, a disaster-impacted state can request and receive assistance from other member states. Responding through EMAC is necessary to ensure that volunteers are protected from unforeseen accidents, injuries and legal actions.

Anyone who has questions about this advisory can contact the North Dakota Department of Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Section at 701.328.2270.

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This message is being sent to North Dakota EMS professionals and local public health units.