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FEMA Selects Palmetto Incident Support Team as Supplemental Response Team

FEMA has selected South Carolina State Fire's Palmetto Incident Support Team to serve as a Supplemental Response Team, making it the fourth team across the nation selected to fulfill this mission-critical role.

FEMA's Supplemental Response Team program identifies highly capable incident management teams that can be deployed nationally to support major federal disaster operations. These teams provide incident command, coordination, and logistical expertise during large-scale emergencies that exceed state and regional capacity. FEMA selects deployable Supplemental Response Teams based on their performance, training, and ability to integrate with federal disaster response operations.

Formed in 2019, the Palmetto Incident Support Team is a group of incident management professionals trained for rapid mobilization and large-scale disaster coordination. The team augments command operations by providing technical expertise, logistical support, and leadership for complex incidents.

"This national selection recognizes the professionalism and mission-ready culture of our team," SC State Fire Marshal Jonathan Jones said. "We stand ready to serve whenever and wherever help is needed."

"The Supplemental Response Team Program is delighted to enter into this partnership with the Palmetto Incident Support Team," said Susan Hanke, Section Chief of the FEMA program. "Together, we are proud to bring a highly skilled and capable team to augment the FEMA incident workforce, enhancing our collective ability to respond effectively and support communities in their time of need."

As part of SC State Fire's Emergency Response Task Force System, the Palmetto Incident Support Team works alongside SC Task Force 1, five regional Urban Search and Rescue teams, and the SC Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team under the SC Firefighter Mobilization Plan. About 80 percent of the team's members are SC State Fire employees, enabling the team to deploy quickly and integrate seamlessly with other state and local resources.

SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation's SC State Fire division provides essential services in fire prevention, training, emergency response, and community risk reduction.

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