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Veteran-led Team Rubicon Supporting Response and Recovery Efforts in the Wake of the Recent Alabama Tornadoes

Lee County, Ala. (March 8, 2019) – [Team Rubicon](http://www.teamrubiconusa.org), a veteran-led disaster response organization, has launched an operation in Lee County, Ala. to assist in on-going tornado response and recovery efforts. Operations began on Wednesday, March 6 and are anticipated to last at least 10 days.

Working in conjunction with state and local authorities, Team Rubicon volunteers are providing damage assessments, route clearance, chainsaw operations, debris removal, and spontaneous volunteer management to affected communities.

Residents affected by the Alabama tornadoes may request assistance through Crisis Cleanup at (833) 556-2476. Services requested through Crisis Cleanup are not guaranteed to be completed by Team Rubicon, but volunteers with the organization are manning the hotline and routing requests to vetted, National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) relief agencies in the affected area.

“The tornadoes that struck Alabama left behind severe damage in their path,” said William Porter, Senior Manager of Operations Support at Team Rubicon. “Our teams are ready to put their disaster response skills to use assisting Lee County residents to get them on the road to recovery and rebuilding.”

Team Rubicon boasts a 90,000-strong, highly skilled volunteer force that helps communities stabilize and recover after a devastating natural disaster. Since its inception following the 2010 Haiti earthquake, Team Rubicon has responded to 325 disasters, including Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, Florence, and Michael.

Through a strong communications infrastructure supported by our cutting-edge technological solutions, Team Rubicon volunteers efficiently and effectively respond to natural disasters and help families return to their homes as soon as possible. By giving military veteran volunteers the opportunity to continue their service through disaster response, Team Rubicon provides them an avenue to gain a renewed sense of purpose, community, and identity.

About Team Rubicon

Team Rubicon unites the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders to rapidly deploy emergency response teams. Team Rubicon is a nonprofit organization offering veterans a chance to continue their service by helping those affected by disasters, and also themselves. Programs and services are made possible by the support of individual donors, corporate partners, and the dedication of volunteers across the country. To join or support Team Rubicon's mission, visit www.teamrubiconusa.org.

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