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### **Veteran-led Team Rubicon Supporting Tornado Response and Recovery Efforts in Taylorville, Illinois**

Taylorville, Ill. (December 3, 2018) – [Team Rubicon](http://www.teamrubicon.org), a veteran-led disaster response organization, has launched an operation to provide response and recovery support to the residents of Taylorville following the recent tornados. Operations began on Monday, December 3 and are anticipated to last 10 days.

Working in conjunction with state and local authorities, Team Rubicon volunteers will conduct damage assessments and provide route clearance, debris removal, and spontaneous volunteer management to affected residents—helping to speed the recovery and rebuilding of impacted communities.

“Tornados in December are very rare,” said William Porter, National Planning Manager at Team Rubicon. “Nevertheless, our teams are always prepared to step in and help communities respond to disasters wherever and whenever they may strike. Our teams are on the ground and ready to put their disaster response skills to work to support the residents of Taylorville and help accelerate their recovery in the wake of this disaster.”

Team Rubicon boasts an 85,000-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 more than 310 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](http://www.teamrubiconusa.org).

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