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North Dakota Medical Reserve Corp teams plan return from North Carolina

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH), Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) section deployed two Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) teams to North Carolina Wednesday, Sept. 12. The MRC teams are now preparing to return from their mission. Emergency medical personnel are scheduled to arrive back in North Dakota on Friday, Sept. 28. The nurse responders plan to return Sunday, Sept. 30. The response teams assisted North Carolina in shelters and ambulances.

“We were impressed with the communication flow between our operations center and that of North Carolina to such a large emergency. We are grateful to have qualified health professionals willing to volunteer in public health emergencies. The first-hand disaster response experience obtained through these missions is invaluable. It strengthens North Dakota’s state response efforts as well,” said Tim Wiedrich, Emergency Preparedness and Response Section Chief.

North Carolina utilized the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) to request and receive assistance North Dakota in response to Hurricane Florence. Congress has ratified EMAC in all 50 states, including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. North Carolina will reimburse North Dakota’s costs as delineated in the EMAC request. More information on the EMAC is located at www.emacweb.org.

Qualified medical professionals interested in volunteering on future missions should visit <http://www.ndhealth.gov/EPR/HP/PHEVR> to become a member of the Medical Reserve Corps.

Contact Tim Wiedrich, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.328.2270 for more details about the North Dakota’s role in public health emergencies.

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