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As we all know, the 2017 hurricane season has been devastating for Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico. NYC experienced the incredible damage a storm can cause in 2012 with Super Storm Sandy and has watched this repeated throughout the United States in the last two months.

NYC City agencies including fleet and procurement staff have answered the call to provide support to these impacted regions, deploying specialized skills and equipment resources that can be critical in response efforts.

FDNY's Fleet Maintenance Auto Mechanic Roy Culkin deployed in response to Hurricane Harvey in Houston, Texas. Roy served as the team mechanic for an FDNY Search and Rescue team. The team deployed with several Fleet units to assist with their mission including generators, pickup and utility trucks, trailers, a hi-low, HVAC units, and tents.



As Roy's team headed back to New York after their 14 day deployment, they were rerouted to Jacksonville, Florida in response to Hurricane Irma. FDNY switched personnel and FDNY Auto Mechanic Matthew Geniti assumed the role of equipment support for the team in Florida.

Further south, Hurricane Maria began it's destructive path through Puerto Rico. Soon after the

storm passed, fleet manager for NYC Emergency Management (NYCEM) Thomas J. Bartkowski travelled to San Juan to support NYCEM's response efforts.

DCAS Procurement (OCP) staff Shawn Witten and Jose Cajas also assisted in San Juan. They helped local municipal workers set up a system to manage donations and helped open and scale up a warehouse and distribution center in Miramar, Puerto Rico. Scott Bryant and Rosa Gomez from DCAS are also members of a 9-person NYC OEM team supporting the Puerto Rican Emergency Management Agency (PREMA) at the request of the Governor of Puerto Rico through the EMAC mutual assistance program.



Many other city workers have deployed to assist in the recovery efforts including 30 FDNY and NYPD personnel who are members of the Urban Search and Rescue New York Task Force 1. DSNY deployed 31 members of their PREMA team of debris management specialists and have been tasked by FEMA to survey the 72 towns on the island. In addition DOHMH, NYCHA, DOB, HPD and Parks sent support staff.

We would like to thank all the fleet, procurement, operational and emergency services staff who have taken this time out of their work and personal lives to perform this critical and necessary relief work. NYC staff have always answered the call when emergencies strike the City directly and are showing that incredible spirit to our fellow citizens in need.

