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## Veteran-led Team Rubicon Supporting Tornado Response and Recovery Efforts in Montgomery County, Ohio

Montgomery County, Ohio (June 1, 2019) – <u>Team Rubicon</u>, a veteran-led disaster response organization, has launched an operation in Montgomery County, Ohio to assist in on-going tornado response and recovery efforts. Operations began on Friday, May 31 and are anticipated to last 20 days.

Working in conjunction with state and local authorities, Team Rubicon volunteers are conducting damage assessments, and providing chainsaw operations, heavy equipment operations, debris management, expedient home repairs, and spontaneous volunteer management to affected communities.

"Mother Nature has been pretty aggressive in Ohio and across the Midwest this storm season. This recent flurry of catastrophic tornadoes in Montgomery County is just the latest example," said Adam Ingram, Incident Commander for Team Rubicon. "This is the first larger scale response operation we've run in Ohio. Our teams are ready to put their skills to use helping these communities stabilize and recover, while restoring some lost hope in these areas along the way."

Team Rubicon boasts a 100,000-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 over 350 disasters, including Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, Florence, and Michael.

Through a strong communications infrastructure supported by 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 <a href="https://www.teamrubiconusa.org">www.teamrubiconusa.org</a>.