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Veteran-led Team Rubicon Supporting Tornado Response and Recovery Efforts in Jefferson City, Mo.

Jefferson City, Mo. (May 29, 2019) – <u>Team Rubicon</u>, a veteran-led disaster response organization, has launched an operation in Jefferson City, Mo. to assist in on-going tornado response and recovery efforts. Operations began on Sunday, May 26 and are anticipated to last 14 days.

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

"The EF-3 tornado that hit Jefferson City left a good amount of damage in its path," said Kendall Bruton, Midwest Disaster Operations Associate. "We were able to deploy a recon team quickly and launch a response operation within two days. Our teams of committed volunteers are well versed in bringing calm to chaos; and we look forward to continuing to help the Jefferson City community stabilize, recover, and get on the road to rebuilding."

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 www.teamrubiconusa.org.