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1st Indiana Responds to Sullivan Tornado

Sullivan, Indiana – Personnel from 1st Indiana, U.S. Veteran Reserve Corps, reported to Sullivan, Indiana after being asked by the state to assist with the relief and recovery from the EF3 tornado that touched down on Friday, March 31st, 2023.

Well over a dozen soldiers were present by week's end and assisted in VOAD resource management, logistical support for points of distributions, and security protection of the disaster area and emergency resources. They will continue to be present, in rotations, until the local emergency management agencies determine outside assistance is no longer required.

“Our primary focus, as a civil support battalion, is to assist and care for civilian populations in a time of need,” Lieutenant Colonel Ken Dobert, the commanding officer for 1st Indiana, stated.

“The people of Sullivan have been more than welcoming to us and for that we will be forever grateful,” he continued.

This was the first emergency for 1st Indiana, since they stood-up in December of 2021. Personnel from the unit undergo FEMA training and must meet certain qualifications before they can participate in an Incident Command System, such as the one currently underway in Sullivan.

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