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(Taunton, MA) – Six Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant employees are helping to restore power to Florida as part of the mutual aid efforts coordinated by the American Public Power Association (APPA) and the Northeast Public Power Association (NEPPA) in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. Five lineworkers along with one field engineer and two bucket trucks from TMLP departed for Florida on Sunday, September 10th and are currently working in the Orlando area.

According to TMLP General Manager Ken Goulart, the TMLP employees are among the 65 Massachusetts/New England municipal electric utility staff who are participating in the municipal aid efforts in Florida. The NEPPA crews transported 37 pieces of equipment and will be working with 26 different utilities in the hardest hit areas of the state.

“TMLP did not hesitate when the call came from NEPPA to participate in the mutual aid program,” the General Manager said. “After considering the needs within our own service area, we determined that we could send two crews without compromising the service to our customers.”

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“We are honored to be a part of the extensive restoration efforts,” he concluded.

APPA works with utilities, state associations and joint action agencies on mutual aid efforts, according to the organization’s website. More than 2,000 utilities have signed a mutual aid agreement that addresses coordination with federal government agencies during widespread power outages.



Pictured: TMLP vehicles heading for Orlando to assist in power restoration efforts

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