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## City Of Abilene Assisting in Harvey Response

ABILENE, Texas - The City of Abilene has deployed multiple personnel and resources to the impacted areas in response to the disastrous state that Hurricane Harvey has left the Texas coast.

City Manager Robert Hanna informed the City Council on Sunday evening that Abilene is responding to Harvey relief efforts, "Abilene is actively involved in helping those impacted by Harvey," said Hanna. "This will be one of the most devastating storms in Texas history, and the State Office of Emergency Management is calling upon local governments to assist in the response and recovery of this storm."

At present, the City has deployed the following resources:

- Abilene Fire Department:
  - Type 1 Engine with a crew of 4 firefighters
  - One fire officer leading a taskforce
  - One chief officer located at Corpus Christi acting as Resource Unit Leader for an Incident Management Team
  - One firefighter located in Pierce acting as a Resource Unit Leader
  - Total of 7 personnel, 1 engine, and 2 staff vehicles
- Abilene Police Department will be deploying the following assets in the near future:
  - 8 Police officers to assist in security details at greater Houston area emergency shelter locations
- City of Abilene, non-sworn personnel are assisting as follows:
  - 30 employees, in three shifts of 10 are serving as 211 - A call for help, call takers to assist our fellow Texans identify resources and assistance during this civil emergency
  - Evacuation shelters if requested by the State of Texas

"During this moment, it is important that we not only pray for our fellow Texans, but that we also assist them as we are able," said Abilene Mayor Anthony Williams. "Many of us have friends and family members in areas that have been impacted by this devastating storm. As a community, we will be there for them and for others too. This is the Abilene way, we serve others."

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