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## **Littleton Electric Crews to Assist in Hurricane Recovery Efforts**

LITTLETON – A crew from Littleton Electric Light & Water Departments is headed to Florida to assist in the Hurricane Irma electric power relief and recovery efforts.

LELWD is among 25 Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island municipal light systems providing 28 line crews and supervisors in the aftermath of the storm. As many as 6.5 million customers are without power across Florida, according to state officials, and the full extent of the damage is not yet known.

“Like fire and police, our linemen and teams are proud to support other electric utilities in need across the country,” said Scott Edwards, LELWD’s general manager. “We are there to assist in getting their customers back to full service as safely and quickly as possible.”

Edwards is the New England coordinator of the American Public Power Association’s mutual aid program, which organized the relief effort. The New England APPA Team is also looking to send additional personnel to St Thomas, V.I., which is also a public power system and APPA member.

The crews and supervisors left over the weekend and are travelling toward Florida awaiting instructions from the Florida Municipal Electric Association.

There are 34 municipal electric utilities in the state of Florida representing 25 percent of the population for service to more than 3 million customers.

In addition to Littleton, crews from the following public power systems are assisting in this effort: Belmont, Chicopee, Concord, Danvers, Georgetown, Groton, Groveland, Holden, Hingham, Holyoke, Ipswich, Mansfield, Marblehead, Middleton, Middleborough,

Norwich, Conn., Norwood, Pascoag, R.I., Princeton, Rowley, Sterling, Taunton, Wakefield, and Wellesley.

*LELWD has been providing reliable power to the towns of Littleton and Boxborough, and clean drinking water to the town of Littleton for over a century. LELD has the lowest residential electric rate in the state.*

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