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Eight Columbus Firefighters are among the eighty on their way to Haiti with Ohio Task Force One, the State's urban search and rescue team (USAR). Other local fire departments sending personnel are Upper Arlington, Westerville, and West Licking. They are going as part of the response from FEMA to do search and rescue operations. The team could possibly be deployed for up to two weeks or longer depending on the severity and need of the incident. OHTF-1 will work with other FEMA USAR teams searching collapsed buildings for survivors.

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