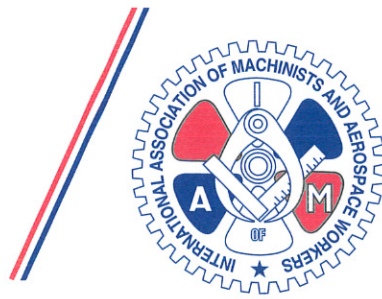


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Subject: Disaster Relief Fund

TO ALL GENERAL VICE PRESIDENTS, CHIEFS OF STAFF, GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES, GRAND LODGE AUDITORS, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES, COMMUNICATION & EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES, GRAND LODGE STAFF, DISTRICTS AND LOCAL LODGES, TCU/IAM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, CARMEN DIVISION OFFICERS, NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES, ASSISTANT NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND LOCAL LODGE OFFICERS

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Machinists know that being a part of this great union is more than collective bargaining, pensions, and solid representation – it's about solidarity. Historically, part of the solidarity means a commitment of coming to the aid of our Brothers and Sisters in need. Now is the time to express our solidarity to our fellow unionists.

IAM members in Canada were most recently impacted by a devastating wild fire in Fort McMurray, Alberta Canada. A Province-wide state of emergency subjected tens of thousands of residents to mandatory evacuation. More than 300 members of IMAW Local 99 have been impacted by the evacuation. Early reports cite many of our members and families have lost their entire homes in this disaster.

Given the destructive nature of this tragic incident and the continuous outbreak of extreme weather events impacting our members, we ask for your continued consideration for all IAM members as they endure the wrath of disastrous events. Again, brave union workers are risking their lives to rescue lives, tend to the injured and deliver aid.

Our members are in need – they need your help. Donations may be made payable to the IMAW Disaster Relief Fund and mailed to the Retirees, Community and Membership Services Department at 9000 Machinists Place, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

We take pride in coming to the aid of our Brothers and Sisters. We know that being a unionist is often expressed in the self-sacrifice of individual needs to collective needs of Brothers and Sisters. We live the saying, "we've got your back," as part of the Machinists' creed. We have been there and will be there in time of need.

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact the Retirees, Community and Membership Services Department at 301-967-4717.

Fraternally and sincerely,

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