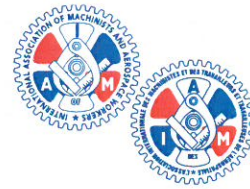


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Attention: All Local Lodges in Canada

Many of us have watched the tragic news as Hurricane Harvey has struck repeatedly in the Southern U.S. This directly impacts many of our brothers and sisters in the IAM who live and work in this area. There are over 10,000 IAM members who work in this region of the U.S., many of them potentially affected by the devastation brought by Harvey and the flooding which hasn't even stopped yet. The full impact is yet to be determined.

The IAM has a Disaster Relief Fund in place, which is funded through contributions made by members and Locals across North America; only members IAM members can access this fund. However, the fund does not presently have enough money to assist a disaster of this magnitude.

A year ago, the IAM Disaster Relief fund assisted hundreds of Canadian IAM members who lost homes and were displaced in the wildfires that destroyed much of Fort McMurray last summer. The IAM Executive Council and the membership of the IAM were 100% supportive of our Canadian members of District 14 who lost their homes in Fort McMurray wildfires. In excess of \$100k in support was provided to those members, based upon Council action and Convention resolution. As a result, the Disaster Relief fund was significantly depleted.

The impact of the current disaster on IAM members is potentially 10-20 times greater than the Fort McMurray situation. It is now time for us to step up and assist our Sisters and Brothers in the Southern U.S., during this time of their need.

It is in times like these that Canadian IAM Members roll up their sleeves, and reach into their pocketbooks to lend a hand to their brothers and sisters. *Accordingly, I am requesting that all Canadian Local Lodges make a contribution to the IAM Disaster Relief Fund. Further, I am asking that each and every Local forward this request to their membership and do all we can to raise funds for the assistance of their sisters and brothers.*

Cheques made out to: **IAM Assistance**

Send to Headquarters: IAMAW Disaster Relief Services, Room 215
9000 Machinists Place, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Thank you for your assistance in this regard. In Solidarity,

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More info: <https://www.goiam.org/news/hurricane-harvey/>

