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Hurricane Harvey Relief Update

I wanted to update the membership and especially those affected by Hurricane Harvey as to what has been worked on for the past week and what is to come.

Local 19 opened a checking account earmarked for declared disaster relief. This account was necessary for both, our own membership at Local 19 and other locals wishing to donate from around the country to help the Local 19 members affected by this disastrous event. We held a special called meeting of the E-Board yesterday to decide the methodology, or means, of calculating what we can disburse in relief funds to those hit the hardest. For the next few days we will be making sure we have a grasp on the overall number of persons affected and to what extent. While we have preliminary numbers for relief amounts, we need to make certain we know the exact extent of relief Local 19 can provide.

Last Friday we secured up to 100 thousand square feet of warehouse storage for Teamster Relief Trucks coming in with supplies in coordination with our Joint Council 58. We have received in allot of bottled water and have captured a couple pallets at the Local. While we work with United Airlines to try and get rebuild supplies, we will be able to house and disburse them from the warehouse if needed.

Dominic will be pulling the Teamster Member Assistance Volunteers to make phone calls to those affected to let them know we are ready when they are to help fill out the forms for the International Relief Fund and at the same time provide them with relief funds from Local 19 starting Monday, September 11th.

I am extremely grateful to all of you volunteering. The pictures we have received are posted on the Local 19 website. Please thank those who stepped up. If you have pictures of a group or members assisting those in need please send them to us.

As more supplies roll in we will keep you informed and don't forget we can accept donations for those affected by sending a check made out to Teamsters Local 19 and only in the memo line write Disaster Relief.

Thanks again,

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