

## Metro Dade Fire Fighters

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## Hurricane Irma Update #2

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we continue to monitor Hurricane Irma, we are hopeful that you have made all arrangements to secure your homes and your families. This storm will be significant in nature and we must come together and get through it together. This is an extenuating circumstance that may require you to adapt, improvise and overcome especially when it comes to living arrangements at the fire stations. Your safety and that of your family is a priority at this time as we prepare to provide emergency services to Miami-Dade County.

As mentioned yesterday, we will be opening the doors at your Union Hall at 5:00 PM today as a shelter for our members and immediate family. We also will have an answering service setup on our main number 305-593-6100. This will be our way of making sure our members can call and leave a message that will be disseminated should the need for assistance arise. We are also working with the department to monitor the accountability line should our members need assistance.

The following is a list of things to keep in mind if you're planning on coming to the Hall:

- 1) We do not have unlimited capacity. For this reason, we ask you to only bring immediate family. We cannot have members show up with 20 people as this will only take away from our purpose of providing for our members.
- 2) Bring your own supplies such as water, food, bedding, medicines, necessities, toiletries, entertainment for the children, etc.
- 3) Pets – the hall is an open room and if you plan on bringing your pet we ask that your pet be crated and that you have all documentation pertaining to your pet. Crates and documents are mandatory!
- 3) We will need Volunteers. So, if you're available, please contact the hall at the number provided above or simply show up. Let's put the old "Tell-a-Firefighter" to good use and call your fellow brothers and sisters. We need everyone to help reach out to our retirees and we will also send out an email and text when possible.

We are also working on Post-Hurricane assistance. We have spoken to the IAFF and they are preparing disaster relief for our members.

As you know, at this moment, Battalion and Vacation leave have been cancelled. If you are receiving conflicting information, please contact your Battalion Chief or Battalion representative to clarify any miscommunication.

We will continue to send regular updates. If you have any questions, concerns or input please contact your Battalion Representative or the main number. We will do the best we can to respond as quickly as possible. We ask for your cooperation as much of this process is dynamic.

Thank you for your support and patience. I pray you and your families will be safe.

In Unity,

Maria Chin – Secretary L1403

For President Omar Blanco