

## Metro Dade Fire Fighters

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## Hurricane Irma Update #1

September 7, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we continue to track Hurricane Irma, we have prepared your Union Hall as a shelter for you and your families. We have secured a generator to sustain us during the storm and it is officially operational. We anticipate opening the doors of the hall at 5:00 PM tomorrow (FRIDAY), September 8, 2017. 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 need for assistance arise. It's very important that we work together throughout this process.

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. Water, Food, Bedding, Medicines, necessities, entertainment for the children, etc. We have ordered water and other supplies but have yet to receive them. We are on the distribution list, but unfortunately, there are no guarantees.
- 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 aren't going to get it 100% right the first time. So, please be patient as there are many working to provide for you and your family.

We will send regular updates from this point forward. If you have any questions, concerns or input please contact your Battalion Representative or the main number starting tomorrow. We will do the best we can to respond.

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