

# INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS

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**Via Facsimile – (248) 662-2659**

Mr. Freddie Simpson, President  
Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way  
Employees Division  
41475 Gardenbrook Road  
Novi, Michigan 48375

Re: Disaster Alert Notice

Dear Brother Simpson:

The Teamsters Disaster Relief Fund recently received an updated "Disaster Alert Notice" for the state of Texas regarding the severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding that caused major damage on May 4, 2015, to include the following counties:

**Bastrop, Blanco, Caldwell, Deaf Smith, Denton, Eastland,  
Fort Bend, Gaines, Guadalupe, Harris, Hays, Henderson,  
Hidalgo, Johnson, Milam, Montague, Navarro, Rusk, Smith,  
Travis, Van Zandt, Wichita, Williamson and Wise Counties**

On behalf of General President Hoffa, we would like to request your assistance to aid Teamster members in your area that have suffered a loss. We recognize the devastation in your area and, although our funds are limited, would like to help as many people as possible. Enclosed are the "Notice to Post" and "Request For Help" form. Please inform us if any of your members have been impacted by the disaster. The completed "Request for Help" forms (**including all requested documentation**) must be returned by July 20, 2015.

While the immediate crisis is over, the IBT realizes the difficult task of rebuilding lives and the need to do an outreach to agencies that can assist. Please advise our office at (202) 624-8971 of any needs you may have, and we will do our best to accommodate them.

Faternally,

Antonio Christian, Secretary  
Teamsters Disaster Relief Fund

AC/lmb  
Enclosures



**To: Local Unions 19, 577, 657, 745, 919, 968, and 997  
Joint Councils 58 and 80  
BLET  
BMWED  
GCC**

**UPDATED**

**From: Antonio Christian, Secretary  
Teamsters Disaster Relief Fund**

**Date: June 16, 2015**

**PLEASE POST  
DISASTER ALERT NOTICE  
FEMA – #DR – 4223**

***Texas Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds and Flooding***

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has declared a major disaster for the state of Texas opening the way for the use of federal disaster funds for people affected by the severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding that occurred on May 4, 2015. Assistance is available to individuals and households in the following counties who may have experienced a loss due to this disaster:

**Bastrop, Blanco, Caldwell, Deaf Smith, Denton, Eastland, Fort Bend,  
Gaines, Guadalupe, Harris, Hays, Henderson, Hidalgo, Johnson,  
Milam, Montague, Navarro, Rusk, Smith, Travis, Van Zandt,  
Wichita, Williamson and Wise Counties**

*Teamster members, please contact your Local Union office if you have suffered losses due to the severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding; fill out a "Request for Help" form (include all requested documentation) if you would like to request a grant from the Teamsters Disaster Relief Fund.*

**DISASTER RELIEF FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE  
TEAMSTERS DISASTER RELIEF FUND BY JULY 20, 2015**

**REQUEST FOR HELP**  
**TEAMSTER DISASTER RELIEF FUND**  
**Reference Number-Texas-DR-4223**

**\*\*Requested Documentation: Copies of Insurance Policies, Damage Claim forms, Repair or Reconstruction Estimates, Correspondence from Governmental or other Private Aid Agencies and pictures.**

**\*\*Important Information:**

**Please be advised that this form must be completed in full and all documents must be attached for consideration. Please note that only claims over \$500.00 will be considered and any grants given will be at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of the Disaster Relief Fund. Must have FEMA notification letter attached.**

**Please print all information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(where you can be reached)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

S.S.N. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Parish or County: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Union \_\_\_\_\_ IBT BMWED GCC BLET / Principal Officer sign \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

**Check one:**  Married  Single  Widow/Widower  Legally Separated or Divorced

**No. of Dependents & Age (excluding yourself):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment Status:**  Working  Unemployed due to disaster  Unemployed (pre-disaster)  Retired

**Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_

If working, what is your current rate of pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Current Sources of Household Income (please check all that apply):**

Spouse earnings  Alimony/Child Support  Pension  Savings/Investment  Government Benefits

Estimated current weekly household income from all sources \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated current weekly household expenses (food, housing, transportation, clothing) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Extent of Damage:**

\_\_\_\_ Total loss of primary residence.

**Described briefly:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Estimated Losses:** PRIMARY RESIDENCE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dollar Amount  OWN  RENT

ITEMIZE BRIEFLY: (DWELLING STRUCTURE, FOUNDATION, ROOF, SIDING, SHEDS, ETC.)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are any of these losses covered by insurance? \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES

if yes, what is the policy deductible \$ \_\_\_\_\_ what is the policy limit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Have you already applied to: Red Cross: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No F. E. M. A.: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Are you receiving federal, state, or other disaster relief? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If so, what type: \_\_\_\_\_ Total already received \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For each type of loss described above, please estimate the amount that you do not expect to be covered by insurance or other sources of disaster relief (include any insurance deductibles not covered by any other sources of relief):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Previous aid received from Teamster Disaster Relief Fund: Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I certify the above statements to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**DUE BY JULY 20, 2015**

**Send To: Teamster Disaster Relief Fund, 25 Louisiana Ave., N. W., Washington, D.C. 20001**

**Committee Use Only**

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_