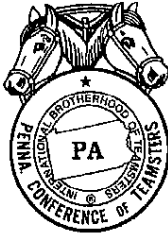


**PA CONFERENCE OF TEAMSTERS**  
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William Hamilton, President

**FAX**

TO: All Affiliated Locals and Divisions  
FROM: President William Hamilton  
DATE: September 14, 2011  
SUBJECT: Disaster Alert Notice #2 American Red Cross

**AMERICAN RED CROSS**  
**DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE**

Find attached two letters and a form from American Red Cross Labor Liaison, Verne Wagner.

The PA Conference of Teamsters is working with the Red Cross to help members affected by the flooding. Verne Wagner has been assigned to assist our members who have been affected and in need of services.

The Red Cross needs your help in indentifying the members that need assistance.

All Teamsters that have suffered losses should review the attached documents and complete the American Red Cross form.

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## **DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE**

The Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) program provides unemployment benefits and re-employment services to individuals who have become unemployed because of a Presidentially declared major disaster. The Department of Labor has been delegated the authority to administer the program, for which FEMA is responsible, under Section 410 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 93-288 as amended).

The 30-day application period begins with the first day following the date of the public announcement of DUA availability, which the State Employment Security Agency (SESA) is required to advertise (in coordination with FEMA's Public Information Officer) soon after the President has declared a major disaster in a State.

The DUA benefit period begins with the week (as defined in State law) following the disaster incident or date thereafter that the individual became unemployed and can extend up to 26 weeks after the date of declaration or until the individual becomes re-employed, whichever is earlier. The DUA benefit amount may not exceed the maximum weekly amount authorized under the unemployment compensation law of the State in which the disaster occurred. DUA shall not be paid to an individual, who receives regular unemployment compensation, or private income protection insurance compensation unless that person's other program eligibility expires and weeks of unemployment continue in the disaster assistance period. DUA will then be paid those individuals at the same weekly benefit rate they were receiving under the other compensation program.

All unemployed individuals must register with the State's SESA before they can receive DUA benefits. However, although most States have a provision that an individual must be able and available to accept employment opportunities comparable to the employment the individual held before the disaster, not all States require an individual to search for work.

Re-employment services are provided by the State under other laws. If other laws do not meet the needs of victims, FEMA may authorize and reimburse DOL or other organization to provide re-employment assistance as necessary.



**American  
Red Cross**



“(Enter Date)”

Dear Labor Leader:

We all know by now the widespread devastation “Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee” has caused and many of our union members have been affected. To help with their disaster-caused needs, AFL-CIO Labor Liaisons to the Red Cross have been assigned to assist any of your members who have been affected and are in need of services. We need your help in identifying your members!

- Encourage members to call Their Local Red Cross Chapters  
They will speak with a Red Cross worker to help meet their individual needs.
- And the FEMA hotline 1-800-621-3362 for Federal Disaster Assistance.

**Please note that the Red Cross 888-GET-INFO line is no longer in service. People should contact their local Red Cross Chapter for Assistance**

If you have members in the affected area that need assistance  
**PLEASE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO:**

ARC DR (DR813-12) / LABOR LIAISON – “(Verne Wagner)”

EMAIL: “(Lwagsmn@yahoo.com)”

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (of affected home) \_\_\_\_\_

TEL #'S \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (home)

LOCAL UNION \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL UNION CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions or concerns, please call the DRO \_\_\_\_\_ Labor Liaison Manager (Verne Wagner) at “(571-205-3060)”



**American  
Red Cross**

## Disaster Services Recovery Information

### The storm has passed...now what?

#### 1. Begin by assessing your home:

- Is it safe and secure?
- Check inside, outside and foundation
- Are utilities on?
- What is damaged?
- What can be saved?
- What can be cleaned?
- Can you stay in your home?
- Can you cook and store food safely?

#### 2. Identify your available resources

- Call your insurance agent
- Call your landlord or property manager
- Check with friends and family in the area for possible immediate help

#### 4. If your home is destroyed or has suffered major damage:

- Roof off
- Foundation damaged
- Walls, ceilings, floors damaged
- Essential personal property un-usable

And you need help right now,

Call the Red Cross at **1-866-GET-INFO** and speak with a disaster recovery worker to discuss your immediate needs.

#### 3. If you cannot stay in your home:

- Pack a few changes of clothing, bedding, essential medications and toiletries
- Kennel your pets or take them to a safe place
- Arrange to stay with family, friends, or in a recovery shelter
- Contact family members to let them know where you are and that you are OK

Call the Red Cross at **1-866-GET-INFO** to find the nearest shelter location.



Hearing Impaired?  
TDD 1-800-526-1417

#### 5. If you can stay in your home but cannot cook:

Meals are available at Red Cross shelters or through mobile feeding vehicles traveling through the disaster area

Call the Red Cross at **1-866-GET-INFO** to find the nearest shelter or other feeding site.

#### 6. If your ONLY loss is food that was in your refrigerator or freezer while power was out and you require support during the emergency:

The American Red Cross will have mobile feeding vehicles in the disaster area to provide emergency food or  
Call the Red Cross at **1-866-GET-INFO** to find the location of other community resources

The Red Cross will help ensure your family has meals to eat while the power is out. However, Red Cross will not provide money to replace perishable items lost due to power outage.