



District 142

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Weekly Update



The Update Message from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers
representing Flight Attendants in the 2339 Local Lodges

Friday, September 19, 2008

HURRICANE IKE DEVASTATION – To All District 142 Members: The Machinists Union knows many of our members are enduring severe hardships as a result of Hurricane Ike. Any member of IAM District Lodge 142 whose job has been impacted by the aftermath of Hurricane Ike, or any member who knows of another member so impacted, is asked to contact IAM District Lodge 142, 400 N.E. 32nd Street, Kansas City, MO 64116; **816-452-6646**; iamd142@swbell.net to advise us of their situation. District Lodge 142 stands ready to assist our members in need. Everyone that has been affected by this disaster is in the thoughts and prayers of your representatives and staff of District Lodge 142.

The following 20 locations are Points of Distribution (PODs) for Friday, September 19, 2008. The POD sites will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. PODs in the Houston city limits will not have water. Most PODs will have only ice and only some of the PODs will have Meals Ready to Eat (MREs). The POD list changes daily. The IAM is sending this updated list because changes were made since we sent a POD list on September 17. Affected members should visit www.co.harris.tx.us daily for updates on locations and availability of other necessary resources, such as gasoline.

Harvest Time Church

17770 Imperial Valley, Houston 77060

La Porte High School

301 E. Fairmont Pkwy., La Porte 77571

Clyde Abshire, Deer Park Football Stadium

710 West St. Augustin, Deer Park 77536@Center

Bay Area Community Center

5002 NASA Road #1, Seabrook 77586

Jim Fonteno Courthouse Annex

14350 Wallisville Rd., Houston 77049

San Jacinto Community Center

604 Highland Woods, Highlands 77562

Community of Faith

1023 Pinemont Dr., Houston 77018

Ripley House

4410 Navigation, Houston 77011

Sharpstown Mall

7500 Clarewood, Houston 77036

Robertson Stadium, University of Houston

3600 Scott, Houston 77011 (Lot 12A)

Fountain of Praise Hillcroft Campus

13950 Hillcroft, Houston 77085

Zion Lutheran

3606 Beauchamp, Houston 77009

Baytown Courthouse Annex

701 West Baker Rd., Baytown 77521

Church Without Walls

5314 Bingle Rd., Houston 77092

S. Houston Community Center

1007 State St., South Houston 77587

St. Agnes Baptist Church

3730 S. Acres Dr., Houston 77047

New Light Church

7317 East Houston Rd., Houston 77028

Houston Community College SE

6815 Rustic Avenue @ 45 & Woodridge

Tinsel Town Jacinto City

11450 East Fwy., Jacinto City 77029

Kipp Academy Houston

9634 Mesa Dr., Houston 77078

Because the president declared 29 counties a disaster area, displaced workers in those counties could be eligible for Disaster Unemployment Assistance. To claim this protection, a worker must file by October 15, 2008. **To file for disaster-related unemployment assistance**, log on to www.texasworkforce.org or call TWC from Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CDT, at **800-939-6631**. Any member who has been impacted by the storm, or has information about other impacted members is asked to contact the Machinists Union at ike@iamaw.org.

Go to this link for a listing of PODs outside of the Harris County area:

www.khou.com/topstories/stories/khou080915_tnt_supply_centers.7a484857.html

CommutAir Negotiations have been Postponed – Due to the devastation that was recently caused to our system by Hurricane Ike, negotiations have been postponed. We are however continuing to work with the company and exchanging some proposals electronically. This is an unconventional method but we feel it is in the flight attendants best interest to continue getting some work done so that we may get you a contract expeditiously. We also addressed the situation with the opening of the Newark domicile and how our flight attendants are being forced to move or face termination. It is the Union's position that changing flight attendants work in such a drastic way is a violation of Section 6 of the Railway Labor Act and a violation of the status quo provisions of this section. We have set future dates the first week of October and will continue to work at getting the flight attendants at CommutAir a top notch agreement. Thank you for your continued support.

Crewmember Self-Defense Training

Newark Area

Essex County College Police Academy
250 Grove Avenue
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

Contact:

Rocco L. Miscia (973) 877-4352

Email: miscia@essex.edu

Mary Beam (973) 877-4350

Email: beam@essex.edu

Class dates:

September 25, 30

October 7, 14, 23, 27

November 6, 11, 20, 25

December 2, 9, 18

Houston Area

Lone Star College - North Harris
10041 Regal Row, Suite 170
Houston, TX 77040

Contact:

Deb Pruitt (281)260-3598

Email: debra.l.pruitt@lonestar.edu

Class dates:

October 24, 28

November 11, 25

We would like to encourage all members to attend your Local Lodge business meeting.

Each Local Lodge must have a quorum to conduct business. The following is a schedule for upcoming meetings:

Cleveland: Thursday, October 9, 2008, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive

Newark: Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

Guam: Wednesday, October 15, 2008, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room

Houston: Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 1:00 p.m. at 15710 JFK Blvd