



Teamsters in Action to Help Flood Victims

Laval, May 10, 2017 – Teamsters Canada will donate \$30,000 to the Red Cross to help those affected by the historic flooding in Québec and Ontario.

Teamster members are hard at work helping flood victims. Truckers are figuring out ways to do the impossible and deliver food to supermarkets in flooded areas. Municipal blue collar workers in cities like Pontiac are doing everything they can to limit damages. And members from local unions in affected areas are volunteering to help their respective communities.

Like during the Fort McMurray wildfires and the flooding in Calgary, Teamsters are on the front lines of this natural disaster to show their solidarity.

However, despite the best efforts of rescue workers, the flooding will have a considerable impact on hundreds or even thousands of families. Moving forward, they will need financial help.

“I’d like to invite all Canadians, particularly Teamster members, to give generously to the Red Cross,” stated Francois Laporte, President of Teamsters Canada. “We have, and always will, stand in solidarity with the victims of natural disasters. They need our help because they might lose everything.”

Teamsters and members of the public can click here to donate to the Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.ca/about-us/red-cross-stories/2017/red-cross-responds-as-floods-impact-communities-in-quebec-and-across-canada>

The current situation

At the moment, thousands of people have been evacuated and thousands of homes have been flooded. In Québec, 171 municipalities are affected and 486 roads are flooded. Five cities have declared a state of emergency, including Montréal. In Gatineau, 443 buildings and 794 people have been evacuated. Close to 1650 soldiers have been deployed to assist police and emergency workers.

Hundreds of thousands of sand bags have been handed out in Eastern Ontario. Hundreds of homes have been flooded in the Ottawa area, while in Toronto, close to 200 houses have been affected.

While things are worrisome in New Brunswick and British Columbia, the situation is much less critical than in Québec and Ontario.

Teamsters represent 125,000 workers in Canada in all industries. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, with which Teamsters Canada is affiliated, has 1.4 million members in North America.

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