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***DISTRICT COUNCIL 9 AND STRUCTURAL STEEL PAINTERS CONTRACTORS
ASSOCIATION RAISE OVER \$200,000 FOR MEMBERS
DEVASTATED BY HURRICANE SANDY***

NEW YORK – April 25, 2013 – District Council 9 of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (DC 9) is pleased to announce the success of the **Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Fundraiser Cocktail Reception**, which raised over \$100,000. In addition, **New York Structural Steel Painters Contractors Association (NYSSPCA)** made a matching donation of \$100,000 raising a total of **\$200,000**. These monies will be used to assist organization members devastated by the impact of Hurricane Sandy. The event took place on December 24, 2012 at the DC 9 Hudson Valley Finishing Trades Institute.

DC 9 members demonstrated the strong ties and commitment that bonds the organization together, successfully raising over \$200,000 at the Disaster Relief Fundraiser Cocktail Reception. The donations granted over 100 members that suffered substantial damages from the storm with \$2,000 of financial assistance.

DC 9 immediately took action after Hurricane Sandy ravaged the New York metropolitan area, deploying union members and apprentices to assist in restoration efforts, including the cleaning up and gutting of houses. Crews promptly arrived properly equipped and able to handle the various challenges and hazards encountered during the restoration effort.

The organization's expert coordination and swift response has allowed the industry to overcome the setbacks resulting from the storm as quickly and efficiently as possible. Through the shared values of community involvement and quality workmanship, DC 9 effectively unified and mobilized tradesmen dedicated to the recovery process.

About District Council 9 of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades

District Council 9 of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades is an organizational of painters, decorators, wall coverers, drywall finishers, sign painters, metal polishers, bridge & structural steel painters, civil service painters, lead abatement workers, glaziers & architectural metal glassworkers, paint makers and allied trades. They are a membership run organization with leaders elected by the membership and each local union has council delegates who represent them at monthly council delegates meetings. Their unity makes them stronger and together they are dedicated to securing and improving wages, benefits, and overall working conditions, not only for themselves, but for their families and future generations to come.