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***DISTRICT COUNCIL 9
COORDINATES MASSIVE RESTORATION AND FUNDRAISING EFFORT
IN HURRICANE SANDY'S WAKE***

NEW YORK –District Council 9 of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (DC 9) is pleased to announce that more than a hundred of its members and apprentices are working to assist in the restoration efforts following the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. The number of union member volunteers is rapidly increasing and they are eager to help. While current repair efforts are being devoted to restoring essential resources such as electricity, water and heat, DC 9 is amassing materials and establishing plans to further assist the relief efforts.

Since specialized work of union painters has not yet been needed, DC 9 has taken this opportunity to prepare for future action. The steps they are taking include gathering all of the resources and personnel that will be essential once the restoration efforts intensify. A great deal of coordination has taken place with suppliers and trades to ensure that DC 9 is ready to step in when the time comes.

Once the painting needs of those affected by Hurricane Sandy are ready to be addressed, the union will continue to work on a volunteer basis. On the weekdays, the union will deploy crews of apprentices lead by instructors to conduct on-the-job training while helping those in need. On the weekends, trained union members will join the effort.

In the mean time, union members and apprentices have been doing whatever is necessary to assist in the restoration efforts, including helping to clean up and gut houses. The workers deployed by the union are trained to work with safety in mind, with all crews arriving properly equipped and ready to handle the hazards that may be encountered during the restoration effort.

Additionally, the DC 9 has partnered with The New York Structural Steel Painting Contractors Association to host a **Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Fundraiser Cocktail Reception**. The fundraiser will take place on **Monday, December 24, 2012** at 4:30pm at the DC 9 Hudson Valley Finishing Trades Institute, located at 21 Airport Drive, Wappingers Falls, NY. Tickets are \$100 per guest. For more information or to register for the event, visit <http://www.dc9.net/pages/ne.html>.

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 as council delegates who represent them at monthly council delegate 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.

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