

AFSCME Local 3244 News

Proudly representing WV state employees in Cabell, Wayne, and Lincoln Counties in WV

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October Update

I would like to thank everyone, members and guests, for the great turnout for our last meeting. It was very good to see old friends and new faces. It is my hope that all of you were able to get some questions answered, and I look forward to seeing you (and more new members) in October. Be sure to bring any other concerns you may have with you. It will be great to get Local 3244 strong enough to gain the attention of those that can make a difference. Don't forget, we also have the Council 77 Convention coming in October. We need to have a good showing for Cabell, Wayne and Lincoln Counties.

Sincerely,
Pat Ramey
Secretary-Treasurer

October Meeting:

Date: Monday, October 10, 2005

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Huntingtonized Federal Credit Union

481 West 8th Avenue / Huntington WV

Take 5th Street exit off I-64; at 7th Street make a left; travel approx. 1-1 1/2 miles; Credit Union on Left. (Call Council if you need additional directions.)

AFSCME Responds: Statement from President Gerald W. McEntee

In response to one of the worst disasters in our nation's history, AFSCME is providing extensive financial and human resources to assist the thousands of members and their families — as well as the many thousands of other individuals — affected by Hurricane Katrina.

AFSCME has more than 3,300 members in Louisiana, more than 800 of whom work in the hardest-hit city of New Orleans. These hard-working public service employees will soon be back at work, aiding their fellow citizens, often while coping with the personal losses they've suffered.

The International Union has already put \$100,000 for Katrina relief into an established fund. You are urged to make your own donation to the AFSCME effort. Please write a check to the "AFSCME Fallen Heroes Fund" and send it to the fund care of 1625 L St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036-5687. On the memo line of the check or cover letter, specify that your contribution should be used for "Katrina Relief."

In addition to direct financial aid, the International Union and affiliates are deploying a team of union staff to provide support on the ground. This group will work out of AFSCME Council 17's office in Baton Rouge.

Along with AFSCME's fund, see the website below for a list of some of the many other organizations soliciting support for their relief efforts: www.afscme.org.

SPECIAL REQUEST: CLOTHES AND SHOES. AFSCME Council 17 in Louisiana is in need of clothes — and shoes — to provide to members. They respectfully request that only new or nearly new clothes be sent. They are especially in need of shoes. (Please send only new shoes). Send to:

Louisiana Public Employees Council/AFSCME
7315 Exchange Place — Baton Rouge, LA 70806



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