



LOCAL 1-2 UPDATE

Members of Local 1-2 Dispatched to Florida; Activated to provide Mutual Aid for IRMA

Members of Local 1-2, New York, Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, are headed to Florida to help restore power following Hurricane Irma, which caused massive power outages to the stricken state.

James T. Slevin, President of Local 1-2, said, “Our Members are the best of the best in handling the aftermath of powerful storms and other disasters. They will do their best to help the people of Florida to get up and running as soon as possible.

“These are the men and women who restored power to New York City after Superstorm Sandy, and, as the anniversary of the September 11 attacks looms, they are the men and women who restored power to Lower Manhattan and restored power to our nation’s economic engine, Wall Street, in a matter of hours.

“No one ever wants to be put in harm’s way, but Members of Local 1-2 are trained and disciplined to operate under the most severe conditions in order to restore power to homes, hospitals, schools and public buildings so society can return to normal functions.

“Our Members are under no illusion. They know that they are entering a danger zone, but it is what they do and it is with pride and skill that they go. It is what they do as first responders.”

Slevin said that crews began heading south on Friday, September 8, sent by Con Edison, one of the Union’s employers, to provide Mutual Aid with power providers in Florida.

Forecasts expect millions to be without gas and electricity for extended periods following Irma’s destructive course.

“We know our Brothers and Sisters will get the job done,” Slevin added.