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# ***Building Alliances to Save Lives***

**Guidance on Creating Strong  
Partnerships between  
Operating Engineers and Urban  
Search & Rescue Teams**



# OSHA Disaster Site Worker

- Tried the “top down” approach with little success
- Grassroots approach working with local and state first responders, state US&R teams and IUOE local unions



# Building Alliances Between Operating Engineers and Emergency Responders

- Guidance Document
  - Handouts
  - PPT
    - Mailed to 76 IUOE LU and 66 training sites
    - Mailed to each state US&R team
- OSHA DSW Program Card
- Facilitation of Partnerships



# Building Alliances Guidance Document

- **Steering Committee**

- William D. Byrnes, IUOE Local Union 825, New Jersey
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- John Mancini, Connecticut Urban Search and Rescue, CT-TF1
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- Chip Booth, IUOE NTF National HAZMAT Program
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# Building Alliances Guidance Document

- Focuses on three IUOE Local Unions
  - IUOE LU 825
  - IUOE LU 478
  - IUOE LU 324
- Each local union plays a different role

# Handouts and PPT

- PowerPoint
- Handouts
  - US&R
  - IUOE Local Union
  - Contractor



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Emergency Responders to Save Lives During Disasters

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*"Disaster sites shouldn't be the place for introductions."*

— LARRY DeMARK, IUOE LOCAL 843

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# OSHA DSW Program Card

Local Union	Program Cards
478	151
098	46
017	121
825	68

- US&R teams only work with skilled support personnel that have the Program Card
- Worked with OSHA on the application process

# Facilitation

- Iowa Urban Search and Rescue (IA-TF1) and IUOE Local Union 234
- Texas Urban Search and Rescue (TX-TF1) and IUOE Local Union 178
- Oregon Urban Search and Rescue (OR-TF1) and IUOE Local Union 701
- Pennsylvania Urban Search and Rescue (PA-TF1) and IUOE Local Union 542
- Alexandria, Virginia Fire Department and IUOE Local Union 77
- West Virginia Urban Search and Rescue (WV-TF1) and NTF/IUOE Local Union 132 West Virginia
- Maryland Urban Search and Rescue (MD-TF1) and IUOE Local Union 37
- Present at the State Urban Search and Rescue Alliance annual conferences



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