

Local 728

Weekly Digest

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In The Spotlight this week!

IATSE- Los Angeles Fires Relief and Response

The IATSE and the Locals of the West Coast have combined resources into this link that will be updated regularly.

<https://iatse.net/socal-fires/>

Walsh DiTolla support for fire affected members

As was reported this week at the IATSE General Executive Board meeting, we have the full support of the IA locals across the country who together contributed over a half million dollars in the past 10 days to the Walsh DiTolla Spivak (WDS) foundation. The WDS has issued checks in excess of \$30K to our members. It's the fastest way to get assistance to our members who need it.

If you know a member of this local who lost their home or has been displaced, and has not been contacted by me or one of our volunteers and staff, please ask them to reach out or reach out to us on their behalf.

I hope to see you all at the February 22nd Showcase event.

Be well and stay safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Greg Reeves'.

Greg Reeves
Business Representative - Secretary
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728



IATSE LOCAL 728 SOLIDARITY FRIDAYS!
WEAR YOUR IATSE LOCAL 728 UNION SWAG ON FRIDAYS



IATSE Local 728 Scholarship Program- Extended Deadline

Information for the 2025 IATSE Local 728 Scholarship is now available on the website. The deadline for filing all required materials with the Local 728 Office is **Friday, February 28, 2025**.

[Scholarship Programs | IATSE Local 728 - Log in Required](#)

If you would like to contribute to the IATSE Local 728 Scholarship Fund to help educate future generations, you can mail or drop off a check at the Local 728 office. The fund is NOW a 501c3 and your donation is tax deductible. Checks can be made payable to: IATSE Local 728 Scholarship Fund



IATSE Local 728 Bulletin

The Bulletin is now available on the website! This issue covers the Wildfires, resources, supportive services, coming together and supporting each other as a community.

[The Bulletin | No. 1 | Log in required](#)



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THE BULLETIN

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from the fires' death and destruction



Heroes Rise



Photos Courtesy of Jake Lyon and Pete Villani

Remembering “Spike”

Please refer to the email sent Thursday for details on how to commemorate and remember Spike.



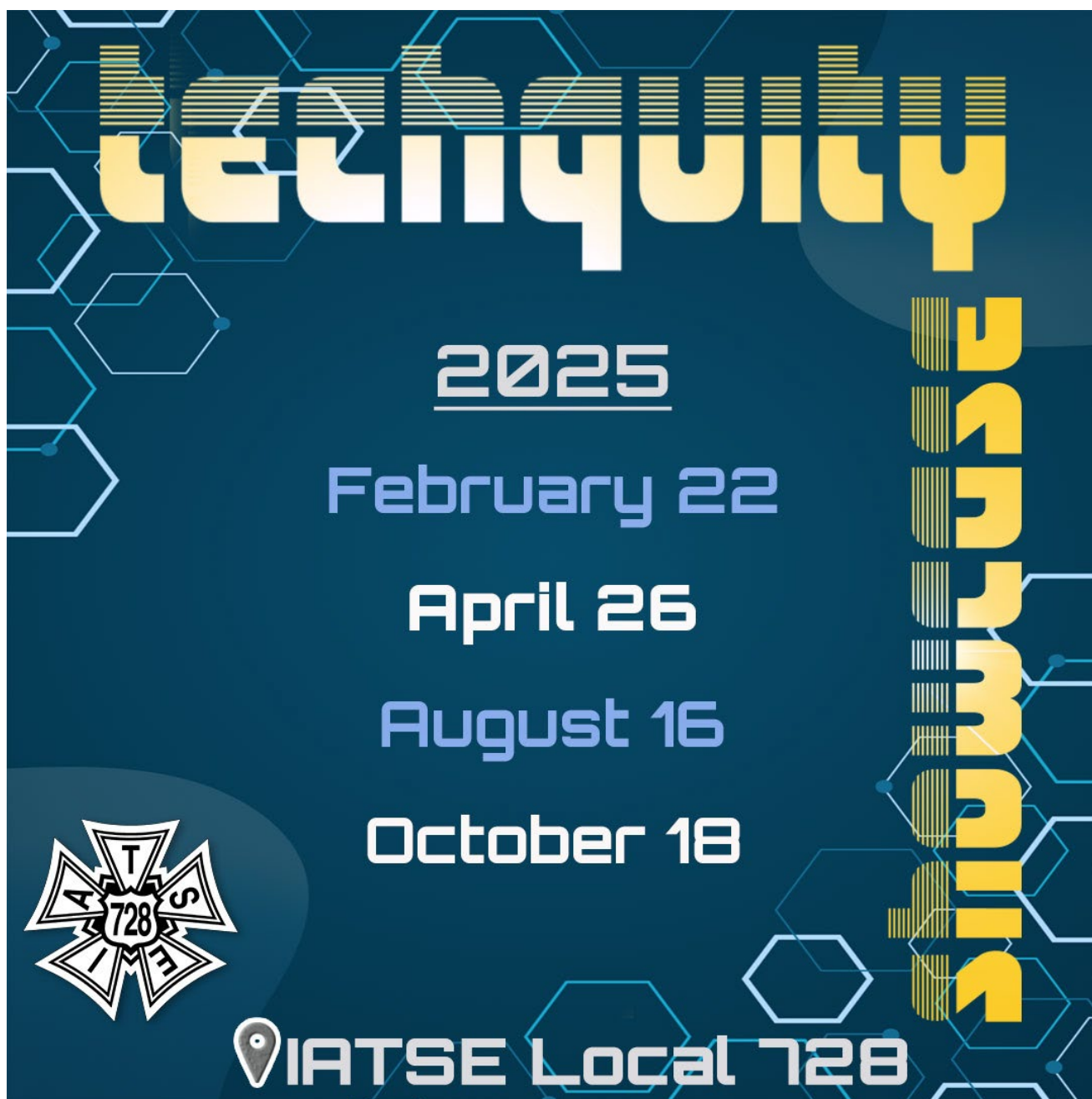
Save the Date – Techquity Showcase

Come out for a mini CineGear Product demo! LiteGear, BB&S Lighting, First Entertainment Credit Union and other vendors to be announced.



- Saturday, February 22 | 10AM – 2PM
- Saturday, April 26
- Saturday, August 16
- Saturday, October 18

Location: IATSE Local 728 | 1001 W Magnolia Blvd | Burbank, CA 91506



Celebration of Life for Robby Redner

A celebration of life for Robby Redner will be held this Saturday, February 1 from 12PM -4PM.

Location: Champs Sports Pub | 4103 W Burbank Blvd | Burbank, CA 91505

[Notice of passing & Celebration of Life: Brother Redner](#)

IN MEMORIAM

Brother Robert "Robby" Redner



A member since February 24, 1997

Passed away on January 5, 2025

He was 54 years old

ZELLO Support

Zello support stands with the people of Los Angeles affected with the wildfires. Zello Support is repurposing their new Head Quarters across the street from Warner Bros. Studios into an Infrastructure Support Center. In this space, families will be able to receive guidance and support as they plan to rebuild their homes/lives.

<https://zellosupport.com>



Zello is here to support the people of Los Angeles affected by the wildfires.


Born out of the entertainment industry, we are pivoting our business to donate our property, our people and our services to help you rebuild. Welcome to Zello Support.

MPTF-Wildfire Relief

MPTF has been working to help those in need of resources and providing services including financial assistance, supportive counseling and assistance navigating insurance needs. You don't have to deal with the challenges alone, MPTF is here to help. A list of Wildfire Resources, Navigating Fema and how you can contribute to those in need can be found at the link below. You can also call: (323)-634-3888


A video of the webinar, ***Wildfire Relief: Next Steps and Next Next Steps***, featuring guest speakers who gave guidance on how to navigate insurance claims, property taxes, tax payments, among other topics is now available at the same link or you can view [here](#).

<https://mptf.com/ways-to-give/wildfirerelief/>



MPTF | 100
MOTION PICTURE & TELEVISION FUND

Caring is Infinite



Wildfire Relief
Aid and resources for those impacted by the Southern California fires



DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for those impacted by California Wildfires

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

NEW LINK: [VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP](#)

MONETARY DONATIONS

Used to purchase gift cards for those in need: [DONATE HERE](#)

CLOTHING/SOFT GOODS DONATIONS & DISTRIBUTION

*Currently accepting **new/unused** items. (Closed during rain.)*

Fri 1/24, 9a-4:30p • Tues-Fri 1/28-1/31, 9a-4:30p • Sat 2/1, 10a-2p:

Drop-offs and Pick-ups at Local 892, 3919 W. Magnolia Blvd, Burbank

PERSONAL ITEMS/GIFT CARDS DONATIONS & DISTRIBUTION

*Currently accepting **new/unused** items and merchandise vouchers.*

Fri 1/24, 9a-4:30p • Sat 1/25, 10a-2p • Tues-Fri 1/28-1/31, 9a-4:30p • Sat 2/1, 10a-2p:

Drop-offs and Pick-ups at Local 80, 2520 W. Olive Ave, Burbank

Fri 1/24, 9a-5p • Mon-Fri 1/27-1/31, 9a-5p:

Drop-offs at Local 600, 7755 Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood

NEW! HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS DONATIONS & DISTRIBUTION

***Gently used** seating, tables, beds, bedding, dressers, nightstands, dishes, cookware, utensils, televisions, electronics, lighting, extension cords*

Mon-Fri 1/27-1/31, 7a-5p:

Drop-offs and Pick-ups at Zello, 4139 West Olive Ave. Burbank, CA 91505

**Fire and Relief
Resources**

iatse.net/social-fires

DONATE NOW



Upcoming Events

Upcoming Local 728 grandMA Classes

We are adding our grandMA3 Beginner Course to our course schedule for February 1 & 2, 2025. There will be no lottery for this class. You need to have a basic understanding and familiarity of lighting control.

Please keep an eye out for our Intermediate Class!

For more information and to sign up for this class, please visit:

Log-in required to register for this class.

<https://www.iatse728.org/gma3020125>

IATSE Local 728 Safety & Training Program

Basic *grandMA3* **Training**

Saturday & Sunday, February 1 & 2, 2025 9:00AM - 5:00PM

exclusively for members of IATSE Local 728

Sign ups open now

<https://iatse728.org/gma3020125>

This is a beginner course for members with at least a basic understanding and familiarity of lighting control

An Intermediate Level Class will be posted soon. Please keep an eye on the website for more details.

MPTF-8th Annual Instant Film Festival

Want to create a 1–5 minute short film? Join us on Saturday February 8th for a day of creativity.

- **When:** Saturday, February 8th
- **Time:** 8:30AM - 4:00PM
- **Location:** The Wasserman Campus | 23388 Mulholland Drive | Woodland Hills, CA 91364
- **Contact:** Michael Gips | 728heritage@gmail.com



Join us in person on The Wasserman Campus for a day full of creativity, where you will collaborate with current industry professionals & film students to create 1 to 5 minute short films!

MPTF INSTANT FILM FESTIVAL 2025 SCHEDULE

| 9:00-10:00 AM |

Meet your team; assigned location and mandatory line of dialogue revealed and buy raffle tickets

| 10:00-12:00 PM |

Write, cast, design, rehearse, and shoot on a smart phone

| 12:00-2:00 PM |

Enjoy lunch while collaborating on post production

| 2:30-3:30 PM |

Screen the films! Jury votes, awards are given and raffle winners revealed



Union Resources

Disaster Assistance and Emergency Resources

Disaster Assistance Links

[Fire Insurance Information](#)

[Shelters by Region](#)

[Emergency Resources](#)

For those who have lost their homes:

[FEMA](#)

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

Officially launched this week. Available to independent contractors who are often employed in the entertainment and other LA industries. Check eligibility guidelines for details.

[Disaster Unemployment Assistance \(DUA\) Now Available to Los Angeles County Workers Impacted by California Wildfires and Severe Winds](#)

IA 728 Power Drops

Thanks to member Jake Lyon for organizing a number of members and vendors providing portable power solutions. Please reach out if you have need and feel free to share. [IA 728 Free Power Drops Form](#)

IATSE-WDS Disaster Relief

First, we hope you are all safe. The local stands ready to support you during this trying time. I have resources to share.

President Loeb and the IATSE have activated the Disaster Relief Committee. Attached please find the application for the Walsh, DiTolla, Spivak Foundation (WDS) for members affected by the winds and fires. There are funds available to offset evacuation expenses. Send completed applications to the Business Representative.

[Walsh, DiTolla, Spivak Foundation Catastrophic Relief Application](#)

Many members have offered their homes for the evening. If you need a place to crash, call the hall.

Resources and support for Members Affected by Southern California Wildfires:

[California Preparedness Resources](#)

[CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection](#)

[Los Angeles Region American Red Cross](#)

[California Governor's Office of Emergency Services](#)

For day shelters, please consider:

IATSE Local 728:

https://maps.app.goo.gl/yCgrJ4g2WnyKrknMA?g_st=com.google.maps.preview.copy

Volt Lites:

https://maps.app.goo.gl/9TNoV5F3H6TGK4WF7?g_st=com.google.maps.preview.copy

Outpost LA:

https://maps.app.goo.gl/LVRUjeKsCiXtfHid7?g_st=com.google.maps.preview.copy

Additionally, Local 80 has opened their stage as a relief shelter. Please call Local 80 (818.526.0700) for additional information:

https://maps.app.goo.gl/yzELQZXeFeKsZnB9A?g_st=com.google.maps.preview.copy

Additional Signatory Resource:

LiteGear is offering their Conference Center for Day Shelter. In addition they're collecting basic needs donations.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/BNaNzhfgE3Udy54QA>

New Provider Alert-Alliance Wellness Care

Barriers to access for in-network psychiatrists continue to be significant; the wait time for a UCLA Behavioral Health Associates psychiatrist is several months.

Alliance Wellness Care, a new MPI in-network outpatient psychiatry practice is now available with locations in Encino, Inglewood, and the MPTF campus. Call 747-264-9202 for details.

MPTF/ECF Insurance Services

For those who may be transitioning off MPI Health coverage, IATSE Local 700 recorded a Zoom Presentation with MPTF/ECF Insurance Services to help explain options beyond paid COBRA. Please check out this informative video.

[Zoom Presentation](#)

Mental Health Tools and Resources

If you are in need of mental health assistance, don't feel ashamed. It's natural. Please utilize some of these tools from our website or call us at the hall.

MPTF Intake Line: (323) 634-3888

[Mental Health Resources \(iatse728.org\)](http://iatse728.org)

[Mental Health Tools and Resources with Behind The Scenes | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

IATSE Local 728 Guide to Assistance and Benefits

Information for IATSE Local 728 members, including: Unemployment/Disability Insurance, Sick Dues, Life Insurance, Honorable Withdrawal, MPI (Motion Picture Pension & Health Plans, Motion Picture & Television Fund, Assistance Information

Log-in required to view content: [Assistance | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

IATSE PAC

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The IATSE PAC is about access to politicians regardless of platform on behalf of ALL members.

While the work stoppage last year impacted you and your colleague's financial wellbeing, the fights we take on with PAC resources continue for our industry, benefiting ALL U.S. members and Local Unions whether they contribute or not. Donate today! <https://L728.co/iatsepac>

[What is the IATSE PAC? Play Video](#)

