

# Local 728

*Weekly Digest*

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*In The Spotlight this week!*

IATSE Local 728 Celebrates  
**Black History Month**

*Celebrating African Americans and Labor  
Honor | Celebrate | Inspire*

## **Celebrate Black History Month**

Below please find these IATSE DEI Committee resources to help you celebrate and educate.

[IATSE 21 Day Human and Civil Rights Equity Challenge](#)

[The IATSE Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging LINKEDIN Learning Path \(2025\)](#)

**TOGETHER  
WE  RISE**



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



## **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/>

## **Understand the Contract--Rides and Rooms and Sick Leave Summaries Edition**

The IA has drafted summaries for the 2024-2027 Basic Agreement Sick Leave and Rides and Rooms provisions. You can find them on the Local website here:

<https://www.iatse728.org/contracts-agreements-wages>

[2024-2027 Basic Agreement Sick Leave](#)

[2024-2027 Rides and Rooms Provisions](#)

## **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 Scholarship Program



## **MPI-20 Things to Know About Your Benefits**

If you were unable to attend the General Membership Meeting, the MPI representative provided us with valuable information about our benefits. MPI's website allows you to access information such as:

- Hours worked
- IAP balance
- Enroll in wellness classes
- Pay Health Care Premiums
- Review Eligibility
- Enroll in Health Care coverage
- More...

**Log in required to view content:** [MPI-20 Things to Know](#)

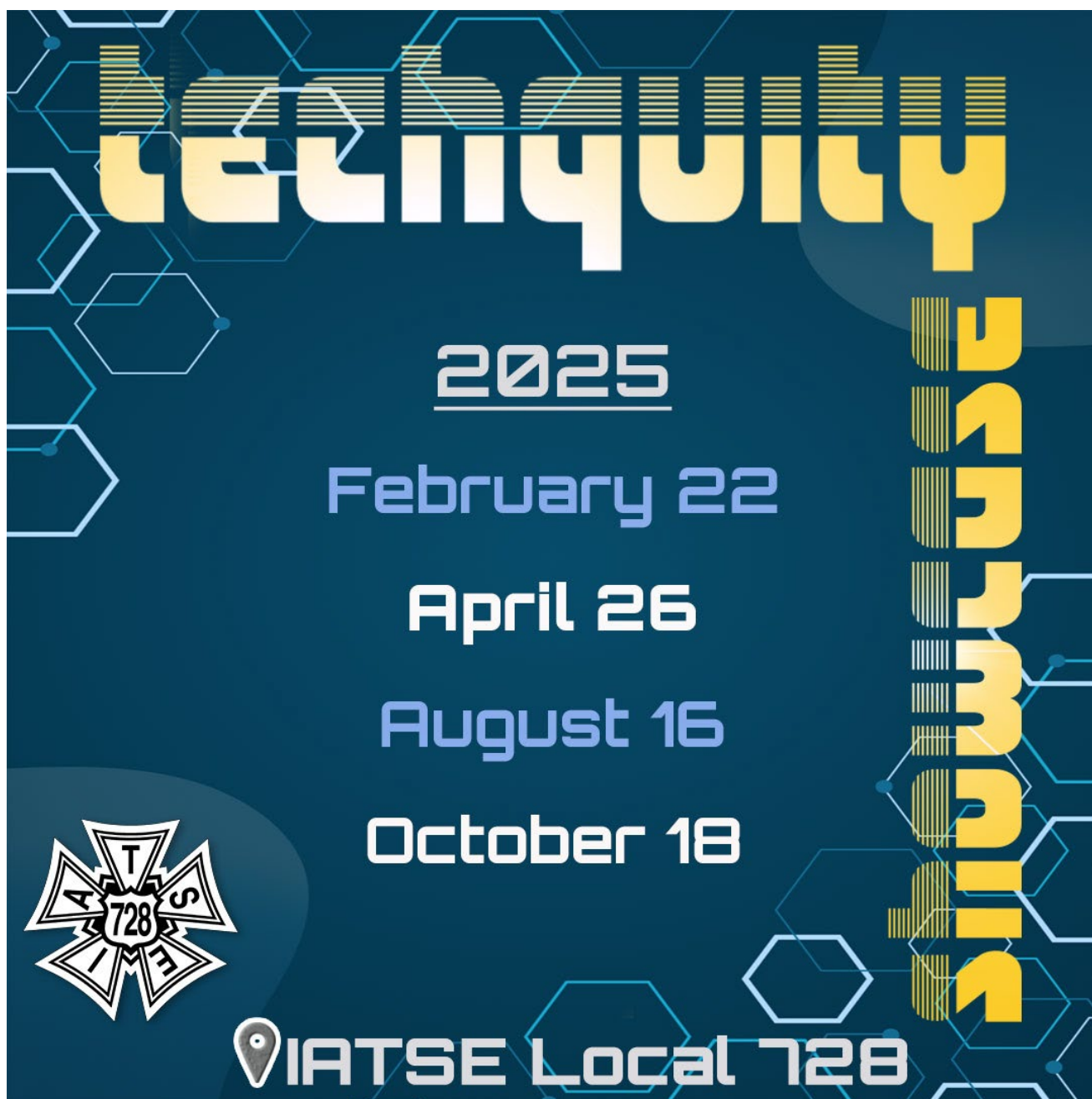
## **Save the Date – Techquity Showcase**

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



## **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>

Volunteer Shifts:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C49ADAA29A5FE3-54763638>



**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/>



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*Caring is Infinite*



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

# Upcoming Events

## **MPTF-8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 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](#)

### **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 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

[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*

## **IATSE PAC**

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](#)

