



# **Fraternal Order of Police**

## **Delaware County Lodge**

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**RE: Hurricane Dorian Supplies**

**The Delaware County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 27 and Delaware County District Attorney Kat Copeland announced today that they will continue to collect supplies for Hurricane Dorian relief through Monday afternoon. All donated items will be shipped to the storm ravaged Bahamas on Tuesday by a local Delaware County shipping company at no charge.**

**When they first began the collection effort earlier this week, the FOP planned for a six-member team of local law enforcement officers to drive the supplies to communities in the southern United States that were in need of disaster relief and support. Fortunately, with the storm's change of direction, the damage within the continental United States was far less than originally predicted.**

**The significant reduction in demand for disaster relief supplies prompted the FOP to begin investigating other options. Local shipping companies, Mike Gerace Inc. of Chester and Dan Wackerman of the John Steer Company of Philadelphia stepped forward and offered – at no charge – to transport the supplies directly to the Bahamas. Both companies will handle the shipping and logistics of the supplies.**

**While FOP Lodge 27 and District Attorney Kat Copeland have already collected 12 pallets of supplies, the shipping company has offered to transport as many as 20 pallets of supplies. As a result, the FOP and District Attorney's Office will continue to collect supplies through Monday in the hope of filling the cargo containers.**

**Residents who would like to donate supplies can bring their items to the Folcroft Police Department – located at 1555 Elmwood Ave, Folcroft from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday or to the District Attorney’s Office in the Delaware County Courthouse on Monday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Items being collected for donation include first-aid items, toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, etc), water, ready-to-eat-foods, Gatorade, blankets and other items.**

**“The images coming out of the Bahamas are heartbreaking and the devastation is unimaginable,” said, Delaware County FOP Lodge 27 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chris Eiserman. “We need to help these victims pick up the pieces following Hurricane Dorian and the greatest need is in the Bahamas.”**

**“Delco residents have really stepped up to the plate with these donations and we are hoping to collect even more over the next couple of days,” said Delaware County District Attorney Kat Copeland. “We were thrilled to join this effort with the Delco FOP and really appreciate the offer from Mike Gerace Inc. and Dan Wackermann of the John Steer Company to help ensure that these items are delivered to where they are needed most at this time.”**