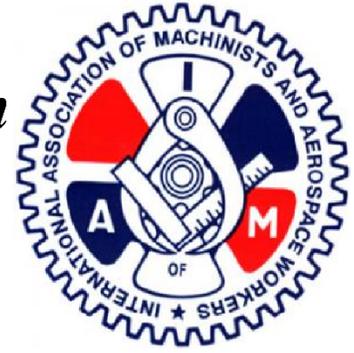




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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

- In 2022, 14,199 people received help from Maine’s regional domestic violence resource centers. 12,193 of them were directly experiencing abuse and violence with 42% having at least one child in the home.
- 16 of the 30 homicides committed in Maine in 2022 were related to domestic violence.
- 1 in 15 children live in a home where a parent or parent’s partner abuses the other adult. 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to the violence.
- 17.9% of Maine Middle Schoolers report that violence or threats of violence have caused them to have to leave their home, even if only temporarily.
- In Maine, a domestic violence assault is reported to Law Enforcement every 2 hours and 22 minutes.
- The Department of Justice estimates that only 27% of female victims and 13.5% of male victims make police reports.
- 39.3% of Maine women and 33.6% of Maine men experience physical violence, sexual violence, and/or stalking from an intimate partner in their lifetime.

The Local S6 Womens Committee is organizing a gate collection Friday, October 27th. The donations will be given to New Hope Midcoast which provides support, advocacy, prevention, and education services for people affected by domestic abuse, dating violence, and stalking. New Hope Midcoast serves Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo counties.

IAM District 4 Files ULP Charge on Brunswick Staples

Our District Representatives have filed Unfair Labor Practice charges with the National Labor Relations Board against office supply retailer Staples. Management in the Brunswick, ME store allegedly fired an employee for engaging in union activity and is using intimidation to stifle union support. The workers at the store are forming The Brunswick Union of Staples. They are asking for livable wages, the option of having a full-time position, affordable benefits, consistent scheduling, and support from management to better do their jobs. We support the efforts of these brave workers and look forward to them joining us in the ranks of unionized labor.

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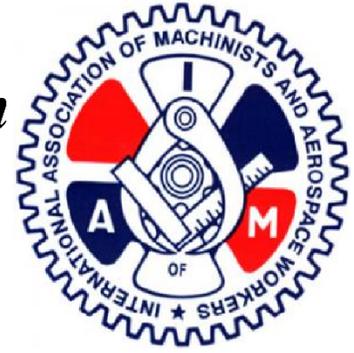
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Feeding Homeless Veterans Around the State

The Local S6 Veterans Committee has been to Brewer, Caribou, Lewiston, and Portland feeding homeless and at-risk veterans at the Homeless Veterans’ Stand Downs coordinated by the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services. Our Committee has been cooking and handing out food that was donated by the Patriot Riders MC. The Stand Downs provide connections to housing, benefits, community services, winter clothing, non-perishable food, medical check-ups, and more to veterans in need. Maine experienced a 136% increase in homeless veterans between 2020 and 2022, events like these are aimed at reversing that trend and ensuring that our service members are given the opportunities they need to succeed.

Maine AFL-CIO Convention

On October 26 and 27, the Maine AFL-CIO is having its Biennial Convention. We are sending 5 representatives to vote for the next Maine AFL-CIO President, Vice President, and Executive Board. The Convention will consider a constitutional amendment to increase the per capita rate for contributions to the Maine AFL-CIO. The proposal is to increase the current per capita rate of \$1.25 per member per month by 25 cents over four years to \$1.50 by 2027. Additionally, awards will be handed out to outstanding members of Maine’s labor movement.

Working Class Hero Award: Pat Carleton, USW 9 Retired & Maine AFL-CIO VP

For excellent leadership and outstanding contributions to the labor movement

Solidarity Award: Maine Health Interpreters, MSEA-SEIU 1989

For unanimously winning their union and fighting for a better healthcare system

President’s Award: Ellen Campbell, Machinists S89 Retired

For 50 years as a labor paralegal helping thousands of workers

Edie Beaulieu Legislative Award: Sen. Mattie Daughtry (D-Brunswick)

For bringing workers’ issues to the forefront by leading labor-friendly legislative campaigns

New Van Carpool List

The Union Hall is trying to create a new Van Carpool Resource List. Any current Van drivers are encouraged to reach out to the hall by calling 207-442-2063. We are starting from scratch, so please give us your information regardless of whether your van is on a previous list or not. There are a lot of members looking for open spots on vans.

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