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Local 154
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Late Tuesday evening on August 29, 2017, there was an unfortunate tragedy at the FirstEnergy power plant in Shippingport, PA involving Local 154 Boilermakers. These Boilermakers were contracted by Enerfab Corp. Work was being performed in a 30 foot slurry pit. Our men were removing an elbow on a discharge line, which exposed them to what we believe to be hydrogen sulfide gas. John Gorchock Jr. and Kevin Bachner were unable to get out of the pit and succumbed to their exposure of fumes. The other men; Michael Gorchock (John Gorchock's brother), Thomas Cantwell, Nathaniel Compton and Mark Wagner (Bruce Mansfield Plant employee) were all effected by the gas exposure and were taken to area hospitals. Their current prognosis appears to be favorable.

State troopers and OSHA are conducting an investigation surrounding the events of this horrific incident. SERT is also involved focusing on prospective failures in protocol. Updates will be provided as the investigation continues.

A GoFundMe account has been established for the Bachner and Gorchock families. Any desire to help support these families through this tragic time can be made at the following website:

www.gofundme.com/victims-of-boilermakers-154

Funeral information for our Brothers Bachner and Gorchock are as follows:

Kevin Bachner

John F. Slater Funeral Home, 4201 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Viewing: Sunday, September 3, 2017, 2:00-4:00 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM, Ritual at 7:00 PM

Monday, September 4, 2017, 2:00-8:00 PM

Service: Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 12:00 PM at Saint Sylvester Church, 3754 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15227

John Gorchock Jr.

Brusco & Napier, 2201 Benson Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15216

Viewing: Monday, September 4, 2017, 1:00-4:00 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM, Ritual 7:00 PM
Service: Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 11:00 AM at Saint Margaret of Scotland, 310 Mansfield Avenue,
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

Fraternally yours,

BOILERMAKERS LOCAL 154

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Hughes".

John Hughes
Business Manager