

Teamsters establish fund to aid families of San Bernardino victims

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (PAI)—Teamsters Local 1932 in San Bernardino, Calif., and its parent Joint Council 42 have established a memorial fund to aid the families of Local 1932's victims of the Dec. 2 terrorist shootings in San Bernardino, Calif. The setup of the fund followed a memorial vigil on Dec. 9, which attracted widespread union support from across Southern California.

A husband-and-wife team pledged to jihadist ideology opened fire with an arsenal of weapons during a Dec. 2 holiday party in San Bernardino. They killed 14 people and wounded 21, and later died in a police shootout.

Ten of the 14 people killed were members of Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 721, and three were members of Teamsters Local 1932. Several more union

members were wounded.

Local 1932 represents more than 11,000 San Bernardino County employees working at hospitals, in public works, health services departments, correctional facilities and in dozens of other public positions throughout the county. Workers voted to join the Teamsters in April, and just days before the shooting had ratified their first-ever union contract.

In a posting on the local's website, Local 1932 General Manager Diedre Rodriguez said the memorial vigil "for the County employees really was beautiful and heartfelt.

"We've been getting a huge outpouring of support from other unions, and we're very grateful — not just the families, but also our members and staff" who also suffer, Rodriguez told Press Associates Union News Service. "It means a great deal to them."

Checks can be sent to Teamsters Joint Council 42 Charities,

earmarked "1932 Victims" at the council's headquarters, 981 Cor-

porate Center Drive, Suite 200, Pomona, Calif., 91768.



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