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PRESS RELEASE

Donation to the American Red Cross to Assist Victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas

Police officers from the Richmond Police Department are making a \$5,000 donation to the American Red Cross from their police union's charitable account to support the ongoing efforts to aid those in need who have been impacted and displaced by Hurricane Harvey in Texas. The police officers belonging to Richmond's Local 425 of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers were committed to offering financial assistance to those in need, and began researching the many charitable drives established in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. They contacted the Houston Police Department and learned that over two hundred (200) police officers in their area were among those whose homes had been lost and damaged by the flood waters. Chief Elwood Johnson stated that he was proud of their department's police officers' generous donation and honorable motivation to make a difference where so many are in crisis and in dire need of this type of assistance.

Special thanks to the students at the Chariho Regional School District's Career and Technical Center for designing and printing the "large check" to help emphasize this donation.

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