

Established in 2013, the Mississippi State Trooper Disaster Relief Fund/Trooper Assistance provides a means by which MSTA members can respond to the immediate tragedy and help address and ease the suffering of those personally affected. Funds contributed to the MSTA Disaster Relief Fund can be used to respond to national and personal emergencies and to make grants of up to \$1000 to MSTA members who face catastrophic events in their lives. Funds contributed may also be used for other charitable causes or purposes.

FUND GUIDELINES

The distribution of funds from the MSTA Disaster Relief Fund for the purpose of disaster relief whether national, local or individual will be supervised and directed by a Selection Committee chosen by MSTA Board. MSTA DRF is a non-profit organization that maintains possession, receives and administers contributions to the Fund.

The Selection Committee is composed of Representatives familiar with the MSTA family and its mission. MSTA's Vice President will coordinate the work of the committee and serves as a non-voting committee member.

It is the duty of the Committee to recommend distributions from the Fund. Recommendations of the Committee are made to MSTA and are submitted in writing and signed by the Representative of the Applicants district.

Procedure and criteria for selecting individual recipients:

1. Applicant must be an active MSTA member (not retired, or honorary). Applicants who are MSTA members must have been employed in a full-time capacity at the time of the event.
2. The amount of any grant will be at the sole discretion of the Committee at the time the grant is given, but is not to exceed \$1000 per event or incident. No more than one award may be granted to any individual applicant or family in a three-year period. The Committee will follow the guidelines below.

Actual uninsured loss \$1,000 or less, Relief/Assistance = \$100

“	“	\$1,001-2,500,	“	= \$250
“	“	\$2,501-5,000	“	= \$500
“	“	\$5,001 or over	“	= \$1,000

3. Applicants will be asked to personally present their request to the MSTA Board for Trooper Assistance and to the Disaster Relief Committee for Disaster Relief.
4. Applicants will be selected on the basis of financial need and the severity and impact of the disaster on upon the named applicant and his or her family.
5. Selections will be made without regard for race, color, national origin, age or sex of applicant.
6. The Committee will meet as often as it is deemed necessary.
7. The Committee will not be under obligation to distribute funds if no suitable applicants are found in any given period of time.
8. The Committee will not release any funds until voted on by the Mississippi State Trooper's Association Board.
9. MSTA Board will have the final approval of all distributed funds. The MSTA DR Committee will serve as an advisory committee to MSTA.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR MSTA REPRESENTATIVES

A MSTA Representative may nominate an individual for consideration of a grant from the MSTA Disaster Relief Fund. The Representative must apply in writing providing the following information:

- ! Representative's name, badge number, location, address, phone, fax and email address.
- ! MSTA Member or disaster victim's name, badge number, work location, address, phone, fax and email address.
- ! The Representative must submit in writing a description of the disaster, the circumstance of the employee or individual warranting the application for a grant and the purposes to which the funding, if awarded, will be applied. That description along with the Representative and disaster victims contact information must be submitted in writing by mail or email to the Vice President of MSTA who will in turn call a meeting of the MSTA Disaster Relief Committee
- ! **The Disaster Relief Committee will consist of 3 MSTA members. The members will serve for 2 years and be eligible for reappointment.**
- ! **The above rules will also serve as a guideline for the Trooper Assistance Program that is a benefit for MSTA members.**

The Disaster Relief Fund is active but not funded at this time. No funds have been donated at this time. All Troopers in need will be directed to apply for Trooper Assistance. The guidelines above will apply. The Trooper will be asked to present his case to the MSTA Board.

**** A member applying for assistance or a members troop requesting assistance for a member that has their home completely destroyed by fire or tornado, etc. will be given the maximum of \$1000 after vote. The paperwork does not need to be completed immediately in this situation, but must be turned in within ten days.**