

THE MEMORIAL VILLAGES FIRST RESPONDER RELIEF FUND

Join Us in Helping Our First Responders!

As we are sure you have seen in the news, many of the first responders who have worked tirelessly to rescue and help so many Houston area residents during and after Hurricane Harvey have done so while their families suffered at their own homes. Unfortunately, the first responders from the Memorial Villages Public Safety Departments were not spared this plight. We are already aware of several members of the Hedwig Police, Memorial Village Police and Village Fire Departments whose homes and/or vehicles were severely flooded while they were on days-long duty.

In recognition of the sacrifices that our first responders have made on our behalf and that they continue to make every day, several of our residents have worked to establish “**The Memorial Villages First Responder Relief Fund.**” The mission of the fund is to provide relief to the Hedwig Police, Memorial Village Police and Village Fire Departments’ first responders who are themselves the victims of disasters or suffer other emergency hardships.

Initially, the fund will accept donations from residents, businesses, and others to provide financial assistance through cash grants to our first responders who have or are suffering financial hardships as a result of Hurricane Harvey. The fund will remain in place after we recover from Hurricane Harvey to continue to provide this financial assistance to our first responders who face emergency hardships as a result of future natural disasters or emergencies.

We ask that you please make a donation to this fund.

Several of our first responders have immediate and serious financial needs as a result of Hurricane Harvey, and your generosity will help those who risk their lives every day for our safekeeping. Donations can be made in several ways:

Make checks payable to:

“The Memorial Villages First Responder Relief Fund”

Checks will be accepted at Bunker Hill Village, Hedwig Village, Hunters Creek Village, and Piney Point Village City Halls

Or mail to:

**The Memorial Villages First Responder Relief Fund
c/o City of Bunker Hill Village
11977 Memorial Drive
Houston, Texas 77024
(ph. 713.467.9762)**

You can also access the donation page online:

<https://bunkerhilltx.gov/the-memorial-villages-first-responder-relief-fund>

The following are the members of the initial Board of Directors of this fund:

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The Memorial Villages First Responder Relief Fund is administered, and grants must be approved, by the Board. If you have questions regarding donations, the use of donations, or the administration of the fund, please feel free to contact any of the Board members listed above.

With the exception of set up and banking fees that may be charged for donations by credit card, relatively small filing fees paid to the State of Texas for the formation of the fund, and any out-of-pocket charges that may be incurred in connection with preparing and filing the fund's tax returns and annual required state filings, we expect 100% of donations to go to grant recipients.

We certainly appreciate the generous support of Baker Botts L.L.P., who has provided legal services on a pro bono basis in connection with the formation of the fund.

The fund has been formed as a Texas non-profit corporation and we are in the process of applying with the IRS for the fund to be classified as a tax-exempt charitable organization (501(c)(3)) so that your donations will be tax deductible, which classification process will take a few months to complete. Once the fund receives its tax-exempt classification, we will notify all contributors, and the deductibility of your contributions will not be adversely affected by making your donations before the fund receives its tax-exempt classification from the IRS.