

Operating Engineers Local 4 Donates to Families in Need in Memory of Late House Speaker

Labor Union's Annual Gift to Maine State Troopers Foundation Takes on New Meaning in 2020

ALFRED, MAINE, December 21, 2020 — Powered by the voluntary contributions of its over 5,200 working men and women across New England, the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 4 Charitable Foundation, Inc. and Social Action Committee was honored to present a monetary donation to the Maine State Troopers Foundation at a brief, COVID-safe check presentation last week. Represented by IUOE Local 4's Business Manager William D. McLaughlin and Business Agent Robert Burr, what has become a yearly gift to the Troopers Foundation has taken on a special meaning in 2020 since the untimely loss of both organizations' mutual friend, supporter and colleague: former Maine State House Speaker John Richardson in June. This year, IUOE's annual contribution was made in memory of Speaker Richardson.

"While we celebrate the somber occasion of our first holiday without our friend, we do so with a renewed commitment to serving the community; during this season and each and every day," said William D. McLaughlin, Business Manager of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 4. "May this contribution to the Maine State Troopers Foundation not only assist families in dire need of the wide range of support the Foundation provides, but also spur others to think of how they can help meet the needs of their neighbors who have struggled this year. We also hope that John's legacy of community service shines as an eternal example of how one generous heart, though gone too soon, can impact the lives of countless individuals."

2020 Marked the 3rd year that IUOE Local 4 has assisted Mainers in need via the Maine State Troopers Foundation. Through the years, IUOE Local 4 has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to charities throughout our region. Supporting those working to end homelessness, fight cancer, battle substance use disorder and empower those with functional needs, along with dozens more entities serving thousands in need in every corner of New England, IUOE's members truly believe that service starts at home and in the community. For more information on Local 4's charitable giving program, visit www.iuoeLocal4.org/about-us/charitable-foundation.

Founded in 1994, the Maine State Trooper Foundation supports programming throughout Maine and has dedicated efforts in support of critical programs related to: social services, substance use disorder, humanitarian aid, victims of violence and economic adversity and promising the wellbeing of children and families. For more information, visit www.mainestatetroopersfoundation.org.