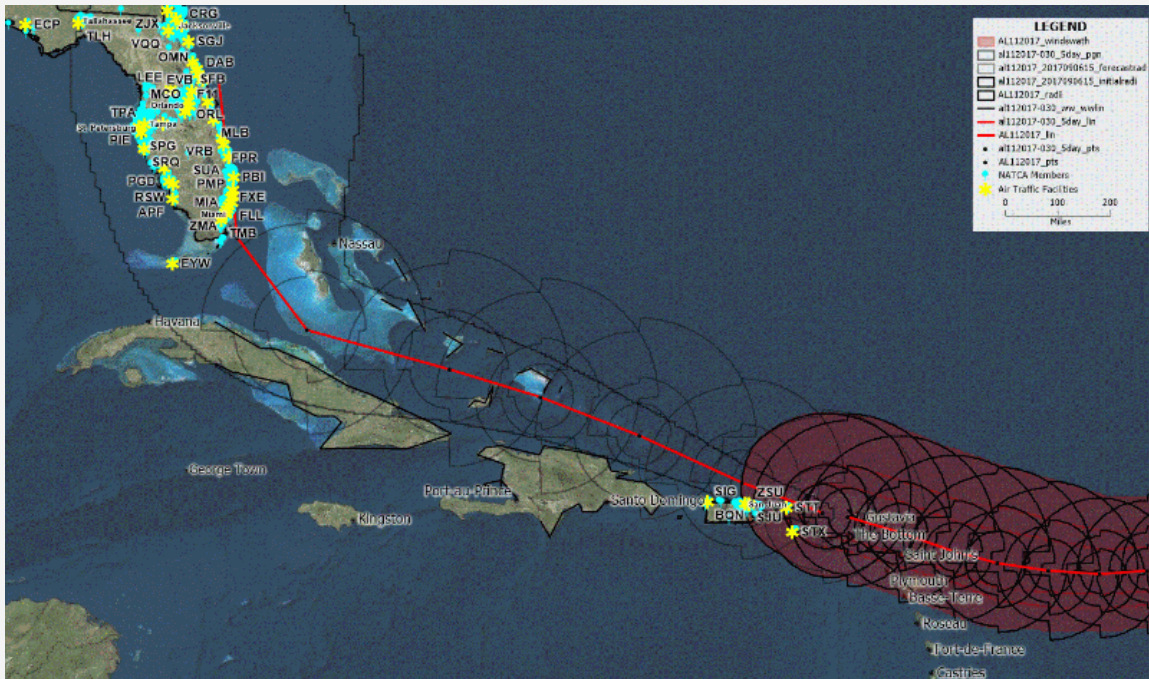


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Hurricane Irma

NATCA is here to help you

Hurricane Irma has already caused damage throughout the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. It is set to hit Florida this weekend and possibly Georgia, South Carolina, and/or North Carolina coastlines in the next few days.

NATCA has 110 members in its six Caribbean facilities. Federal Aviation Administration facilities San Juan CERAP (ZSU), San Juan Tower (SJU), and St. Thomas (STT), and Federal Contract Towers at St. Croix (STX), Aguadilla Tower (BQN), and Isla Grande Tower (SIG).

ZSU FacRep Woody Camp says all members there are accounted for. The facility is running on generators. Long range radar and weather radar is out. They've not yet been able to reach STT airport via satellite phone. While Puerto Rico was spared a direct eyewall hit, the storm was still extremely powerful and knocked out power and water. "It looks like a bomb went off outside," Camp said.

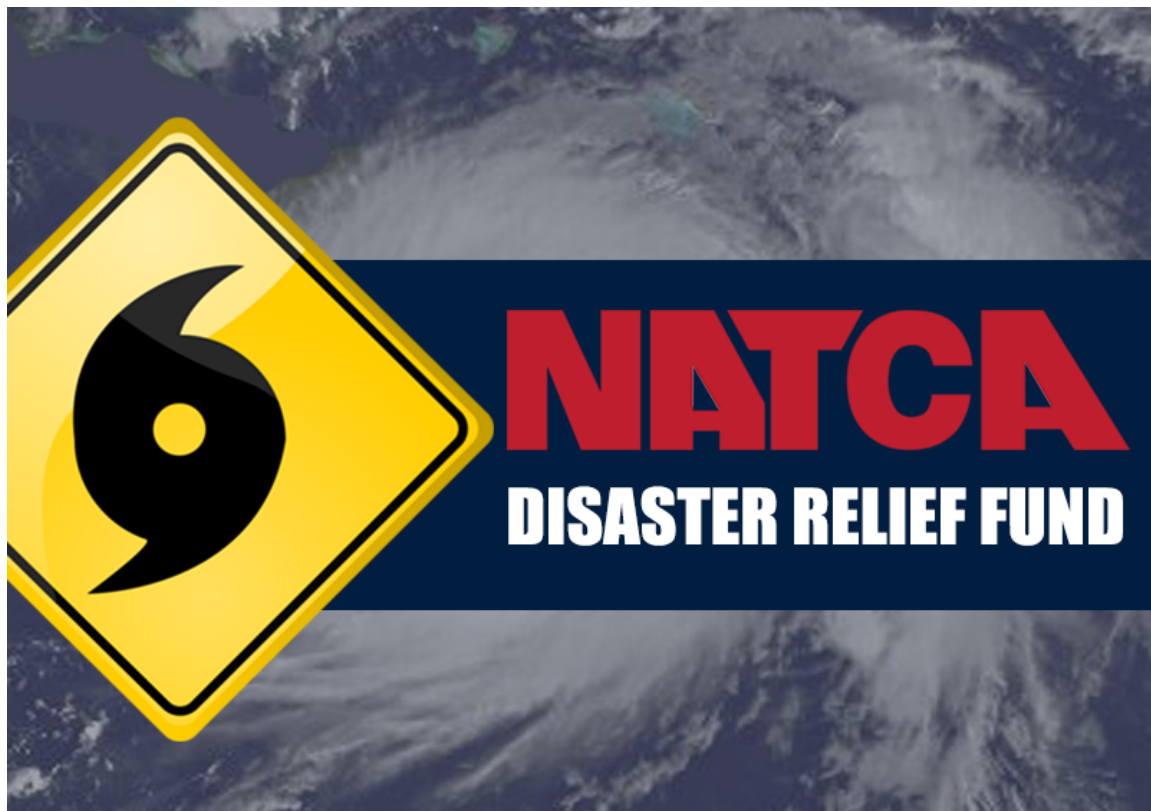
Stay tuned to NATCA social media for updates. If you need assistance, contact any NATCA rep.

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)

Your NATCA family is here to help. Please use every precaution possible to prepare yourself and your families.

How You Can Help: [Donate to the NATCA Disaster Relief Fund](#). You can also view updates on NATCA's hurricane efforts here. Proceeds from this fund will aid NATCA members affected by both Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma.

Do you Need Assistance from the NATCA Disaster Relief Fund? [Please complete this online form](#). Members affected by both Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma may apply for assistance.



Hurricane Efforts and Updates

Relief Efforts Continue

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August 30 Hurricane Harvey [membership update](#).

CISM Assistance Available: The NATCA Critical Incident and Stress Management (CISM) Team has been working around the clock. They are here to offer assistance to you or anyone at any facility. The CISM hotline is available any time of day. Dial 202-505-CISM(2476) to talk today or email them at cism@natca.net.

How to Volunteer to Help Hurricane Harvey

Victims: Email HarveyHelp@list.NATCA.net. You can also email this address to request help, supplies, and manual labor.

To see how your brothers and sisters have been helping Hurricane Harvey victims, [click here](#).



Charitable Efforts: Chicago Center (ZAU) in collaboration with the NATCA Charitable Foundation (NCF) and Fresh Hat Club, LLC, is raising money in a Hats for Houston Fundraiser to support the relief efforts in the Houston area. For more information, [click here](#).

NCF is also fundraising through the sale of "I Stand with Texas" tees. For more information and to order, [click here](#).

Proceeds from both fundraisers will go to Houston Food Bank and ShelterBox USA - local charities supporting the Hurricane Harvey Fund.



FAA EAP/Worklife Resources

Hurricane Preparation, response, and recovery

"Tell an FAA Friend" who may need this resource.

Information from the FAA provides links to resources to deal with the after-effects of a natural disaster, from finding resources to meet basic needs to dealing with the emotional effects of trauma. [Read more.](#)

You can also learn more by reading the PDF "**Coping With Floods - Preparation**" from the FAA WorkLife Solutions program. [Download here.](#)

Controllers Save Flight in Trouble

Atlanta Center and Montgomery Tower work together

Controllers aid a commercial pilot who reported cabin depressurization, smoke in the cockpit, overheated brakes, and an unconscious passenger. [Read more.](#)



IFR/VFR Conflict Survey

Survey is voluntary and all responses are anonymous

The Air Traffic Organization (ATO)'s Safety and Technical Training group (AJT) is assessing the effectiveness of awareness campaign materials related to IFR/VFR conflicts. They are surveying opinions on how IFR and VFR traffic is handled. ATO's goal is to record baseline information on the current culture, attitudes, and behaviors related to managing potential IFR/VFR conflicts. The plan is to conduct a follow-up survey in about a year and assess changes in attitudes or behavior related to IFR/VFR conflicts. [Take the survey.](#)



Legislative Meetings Recap

NATCAvists across the country meet with congressional representatives

Read about some of NATCA's dedicated legislative leaders who met with members of Congress this week. [Read more.](#)

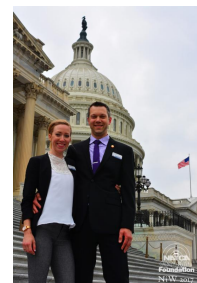


Suggested cuts to the federal budget could affect NATCA members' retirement benefits. NATCA is working to protect its members from such changes. Learn more at natca.org/retirement.

Member Focus: David Skarphol, P50

Skarphol was recently honored at NATCA in Washington with a Regional Legislative Award

"I could see first-hand the difference NATCA makes, I've been hooked and involved ever since." [Read more.](#)





Convention 2018 Registration Open!

Philadelphia locals look forward to welcoming NATCA brothers and sisters

Don't miss the chance to explore the perpendicular streets of the nation's birthplace & labor's heartbeat during the 17th Biennial Convention in Philadelphia, April 17-20, 2018. Check out the new NATCA Convention page and [register today!](#)



Communicating For Safety 2018

Oct. 22-24, 2018 at Bally's Las Vegas

Communicating For Safety (CFS) will move to the fall starting next year. For more information, [check the CFS web page for updates.](#)

The Archie League Medal of Safety Awards nomination deadline has been extended to April 30, 2018. Nominations are now being accepted. Archie League Awards honor a controller or team of controllers who have gone above and beyond during an emergency situation in efforts to keep the National Airspace System

safe. Any NATCA member can nominate another member or team of members in good standing. Only NATCA members can be nominated for an Archie League Medal of Safety Award. [Nominate today!](#)



The NATCA National Professionalism Awards nomination deadline has also been extended. NATCA will make an official announcement about the nominating deadline in a future issue of the NATCA Insider. In the meantime, you can still nominate your peers for their individual contribution and performance that has enhanced the standing of our profession. [Nominate today!](#)



The Region X Commitment to Safety Award was introduced at CFS 2017. NATCA created this award to recognize the essential safety work done by members of Region X. It is presented annually to an individual or a group of Region X members who have demonstrated a profound dedication to ensuring the safety of the National Airspace System (NAS), during either a specific instance where safety was significantly improved or a prolonged, demonstrated dedication to the well-being of the NAS. The nomination deadline is April 30, 2018. [Nominate today!](#)



This Week's Notebook

Keep up to date with all things NATCA

Member in need; member benefits, and seminar dates. [Read more.](#)

Photo Album

Indianapolis, Salt Lake City, Oklahoma City, California

Places NATCA is making a difference across the country this week. [Read more.](#)



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