MEDIA ALERT

Jan. 30 in Flint Area: 300 UA Plumbers to Install Faucets and Supplies Donated by PMI Members

Who, What: In response to the drinking water crisis in Flint, Mich., members of Plumbing Manufacturers International (PMI) have donated hundreds of faucets and other plumbing supplies to be installed in residents' homes by a team of 300 plumbers from local unions across the nation. The humanitarian effort is being coordinated by PMI and the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry (UA). Both organizations have seen a generous response to a joint call-to-action issued to their members last week.

When/Where: Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016. Plumbers are expected to begin gathering as early as 7 a.m. at the UA Local 370 Union Hall, 5500 W. Pierson Road, Flushing, Mich., to gather the faucets and supplies, as well as Brita water filters provided by the state of Michigan, for the day's work in houses and apartment buildings throughout the area impacted by the crisis. The hall will serve as headquarters throughout the day, and breakfast and lunch will be provided to the plumbers. The hall's telephone number is 810-720-5243.

How/Why: The faucets and other plumbing supplies will be installed along with the water filters, which are designed to remove lead content from the water and make it drinkable. The types of faucets and other materials donated by PMI members American Standard Inc., BrassCraft Manufacturing Co., Delta Faucet Co., Fluidmaster Inc., Kohler Co., Moen Inc., and Speakman Co. are:

Kitchen sink faucets (8' center set)

American Standard Inc. Delta Faucet Co. Kohler Co. Moen Inc. Speakman Co.

18' kitchen sink supplies

Fluidmaster Inc.

5/8 O. D. compression x 3/8 O.D. compression. Straight chrome shut off valves for under kitchen sink

BrassCraft Manufacturing Co.

5/8 O. D. compression x 3/8 O. D. compression Chrome angle shut off valves BrassCraft Manufacturing Co.

A PMI allied member – the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) – also contributed to the effort.

"PMI is proud to join with its members and the UA to put our vision of safe, responsible plumbing into action," said Barbara C. Higgens, PMI CEO and executive director. "We appreciate the generosity of our members, the UA plumbers, IAPMO and everyone else that is helping to assure safe drinking water for the residents of the Flint area."

About PMI

Plumbing Manufacturers International is the voluntary, not-for-profit international industry association of manufacturers of plumbing products, serving as the Voice of the Plumbing Industry. Member companies produce 90 percent of the nation's plumbing products. As part of its mission, PMI advocates for plumbing product performance and innovation contributing to water savings, sustainability, public health and safety, and consumer satisfaction. For more information on PMI or its conferences, contact the organization at 1921 Rohlwing Road, Unit G, Rolling Meadows, IL, 60008; tel.: 847-481-5500; fax: 847-481-5501. Visit our website at www.safeplumbing.org.

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