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First and foremost, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Council and the Council Chair for the opportunity to oversee the MDC Disaster Relief portfolio.

During the past fiscal year, both District 410E and 410W have made commendable progress. In District 410W, the introduction of the Zone Regional Coordinators system proved to be a valuable step forward, significantly improving communication and response coordination across the region.

District 410E maintained strong collaboration with their respective Disaster Management Centre, and the outlook for future cooperation is promising. All clubs across both districts received regular updates and information relevant to disaster preparedness and response.

Zoom-based training sessions were successfully conducted for members in both 410E and 410W, further enhancing capacity and awareness. While there have been notable successes, there is still room for improvement, and this will be a priority focus for the 2025–2026 term.

We also acknowledge and appreciate the work done by PDG Tillie in documenting and distributing materials to support improved disaster relief data capturing. This initiative is critical to ensuring accurate reporting and effective evaluation.

However, disaster relief remains a challenge for several clubs. We urge all clubs to actively participate and engage in this essential aspect of service. Greater involvement and initiative are needed to build resilience in our communities.

Furthermore, the various Disaster Relief Grants available have not been fully utilized. In the coming fiscal year, we must drive these opportunities more effectively and ensure clubs are aware of and supported in accessing these valuable resources.

In closing, thank you again for the trust placed in me. Together, we can continue strengthening our disaster relief efforts and make a real difference in times.